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SOVIET ACCUSED OF ADOPTING NAZI TACTICS

London, Apr. 4.—The United States High Commissioner for Germany, Mr John J. McCloy, tonight accused the Kremlin of seeking to widen the East-West gap in Germany with Nazi tactics.

"The free men and women of the city will not permit it and we will not permit it," Mr McCloy, guest of honour, told the Pilgrims Society dinner at London's Savoy Hotel, that to achieve security, not only must Germany be militarily retrained and democratised but she must also become part of a united Europe.

"The need for a united Europe is made more urgent by the threat from the East but it would still be pressing even without that threat," he said.

"Any discussion of Germany must deal with the split between the East and West," Mr McCloy continued.

"When the fighting ended we had hoped that the four Allies could work together in healing the deep wounds of tyranny and war. Instead, each year the Kremlin has sought to widen the gap between East and West."

America's Far East Policy Discussed In Closed Session

Washington, Apr. 4.—The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, and his chief advisers on the Far East met today for the second time within a week with Congressional foreign policy leaders to review the American outlook in South-East Asia.

Mr Acheson appeared before a closed meeting of the House of Representatives' Foreign Affairs Committee.

Eyskens To Make New Attempt

Brussels, Apr. 4.—M. Gaston Eyskens, Belgian Catholic leader and "caretaker" Premier, was called in by the Regent, Prince Charles, for consultations on the crisis over the future of King Leopold.

This development quickly followed the news that the Liberal leader, M. Albert Devaux, had today given up his week-long attempt to form a Cabinet to deal with the crisis.

M. Devaux was the third Belgian political leader to try to form a government. He was relieved of this task at his own request by Prince Charles.

The aim of the Catholics, according to Party circles, would be to put King Leopold back on the throne "soon after Easter."

Senate Approves Full Vote For Point Four Programme

Washington, Apr. 4.—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today approved President Truman's full \$45,000,000 "Point Four" programme for technical assistance to the world's underdeveloped areas.

The Committee approved the programme as an amendment to the \$3,327,450,000 omnibus foreign aid measure which is awaiting action by the Senate.

Chairman Tom Connally, who announced the Committee's action to reporters, said the Senate version contains "every essential for the purpose of carrying out the programme." The vote on the bill was 11-0.—United Press.

BIG THREE CONFERENCE BIG ISSUES REACHING CLIMAX

Paris, Apr. 4.—A major drive to organise the nations of the Atlantic Pact into a well-knit political and economic as well as military bloc will reach its climax at the London Big Three Foreign Ministers' meeting on May 8, diplomatic quarters said here today.

France's M. Robert Schuman, Britain's Mr Ernest Bevin and the United States Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, are said to share a growing conviction that nations of Europe can only be successfully united within the framework of a larger trans-Atlantic organisation, and that military defensive measures under the Atlantic Treaty require far-reaching political and economic co-ordination among member States to reach maturity.

French and British diplomats in Paris regard next month's meeting as one of the most important. Big Three conferences ever held.

The Big Three will also review the whole position in the Far East.

They will have to decide whether available resources should be concentrated on making Europe absolutely secure as a strategic base for the Western Powers, or to disperse their forces over the whole of the world strategic field.—Reuter.

Glasgow Smallpox Alarm

Glasgow, April 4.—The Royal Air Force flew more than 300,000 units of smallpox vaccine to Glasgow today to build up stocks for possible mass immunisation in Western Scotland.

Dr Stuart Laidlaw, Glasgow Health Officer, said he would order the mass vaccination if more than a few secondary cases appear after the eight-day incubation period which ends today.

"By tonight we should have a pretty good idea of how bad the outbreak is. If more than a few secondary cases appear, we will immunise every man, woman, and child in Western Scotland."

An eleven-month-old baby died of smallpox on Monday night, bringing to two the death toll among the 21 confirmed cases which have raised the fear of an epidemic.

The first victim was a woman doctor, Janet Fleming, 26, who died on Saturday after refusing to be vaccinated because, she said, she did not believe in it.

Labour M.P. In Serious Accident

London, Apr. 4.—The British Government's effectiveness in the House of Commons dropped temporarily to two tonight when the Labour Member of Parliament, Mr James Glavin, was taken to hospital with a fractured skull.

He was injured during a fall from a tramcar last night. There are now three Socialist and two Conservative Members of Parliament in hospital.—Reuter.

Parliamentary Storm Over Malaya Campaign

SHARP CRITICISM BY LORD MANCROFT

London, Apr. 4.—A Parliamentary storm over the government's conduct of the Malaya campaign broke in the House of Lords today when Lord Mancroft charged the government with "misjudging" the importance of the fight against Communist-inspired terrorists.

Speaking during a debate on defence, Lord Mancroft said Australia should send troops to Malaya because Britain would be unable to bear the burden of the Malayan campaign much longer.

"The British government has completely misjudged the nature and importance of the war in Malaya," he said. "Our plans there could be very well labelled 'Operation Afterthought'."

Lord Mancroft, who is a Conservative, said he would like to see Britain moving towards a Far Eastern union and a Pacific pact to effect the same cohesion for Far Eastern defence as had been achieved in the Western union.

"We can no longer regard our defence plans in the Far East as little vignettes. We must regard the strategic picture as a whole."

Lord Mancroft said he sought the government's assurance that the newly-appointed commander-in-chief, General Sir Harold Briggs, would receive full support in his demands for men, money and materials.

"I think Britain is carrying too much of the burden. I think Australia and New Zealand should send a few battalions to Hongkong and I suggest we should ask Australia to lend us a battalion or two for Malaya."

He repeated the government's contention that the banditry in Malaya was in no way connected with Communism in China.

BALANCE TIPPED

"There may be no evidence that the material is pouring over the borders into Malaya, but there is evidence that the bandits in Malaya have derived considerable moral support from the Communist recognition of Malaya as a new being in the world."

The strategic balance has been tipped sharply in favour of Russia, who has gained increased knowledge of atomic warfare and domination of the whole Chinese nation. Communist plans are being calculated on a cold, logical, practical basis in the Far East, whereas ours are an uncoordinated jumble.

Warning of the change in the strategic situation brought about by Communist control of China, Lord Mancroft said that the whole of the Far East was now threatened by Communism.

"The eyes of Communist China can stretch from Karachi to Shanghai," he declared.

"NOT GUILTY"

Lord Alexander, former Minister of Defence, in an interim reply for the Government, rejected the suggestion that it had been blameworthy for what had happened in Malaya.

"We have never neglected a single recommendation from Malaya regarding what should be done, either in regard to the improvement of police, strengthening the Forces or any other request that has been made to us," he said.

The Government pleaded "absolutely not guilty" to misjudging the anti-guerrilla campaign, he said.

Lord Alexander acknowledged that the situation was still serious and he paid tribute to the police and military forces "for the devotion with which they are carrying out a difficult job."

Replying to criticism of the use of co-operation on defence with the Commonwealth, Lord Alexander said that large sums were being spent on defence in the Dominions.

"In each case there are conferences of co-operation on defence with the Commonwealth," he said. "We have a far greater degree of planning for the joint use of the Forces being built up here and in the Dominions (Continued on Page 5, Column 4)

Meatless Easter Threat

London, Apr. 4.—Many of London's millions were today threatened with a meatless Easter holiday this weekend through a decision of 300 Smithfield meat market truck drivers to ban overtime.

Because employers will not allow them 40 more trucks for delivering meat to London shops, drivers are working only an eight-hour day, and the work of market porters is slowed down.

Between 1,500 and 2,000 tons of the official ration for 8,000,000 citizens have already been delivered, but between 500 and 800 more tons of meat are needed to provide the nation in full.—Reuter.

THE WITCH HUNTER DECLINES

Senate Demanding The Evidence

Washington, Apr. 4.—The Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee today called upon Senator Joseph McCarthy to turn over "all information, documentary or otherwise," bearing on his charges of Communism in the State Department.

The chairman of the subcommittee, Senator Millard Tydings (Democrat), asked Senator McCarthy in a letter to produce all data in his files of a "pertinent character." He ordered the letter to be delivered personally to Senator McCarthy by the subcommittee's counsel.

The request covered not only Senator McCarthy's allegations that Mr. Owen Lattimore, a Russia "top" agent operating here, but also his charges that pro-Communists are operating in the State Department.

Senator McCarthy told the United Press on Sunday that he would not comply with such a request even if it were followed by a subpoena action, lest he tip the hand of his informants and subject them to possible repressive action.

He told a reporter he would not furnish two affidavits which he said linked Mr. Lattimore to the 1945 espionage case, but he expressed the belief that he could furnish the evidence after further thinking to give the subcommittee the name of a man who he said would testify under oath that Mr. Lattimore was a Communist.—United Press.

Not Excited By Mystery Submarines

Washington, Apr. 4.—The Defence Secretary, Mr Louis Johnson, said today that he has received "no intelligence" about Russian submarines operating off the Pacific Coast.

He told the press that he will ask for more money to buy war planes if the Joint Chiefs of Staff decide they are needed to maintain 40 modern air groups.

Mr Johnson made the statement in reply to General Dwight Eisenhower and chairman Carl Vinson of the House Armed Services Committee who contended that the \$1,350,000,000 earmarked for aircraft in the Administration's military budget for the fiscal year 1950 is insufficient.

—United Press.

MALAYAN POLICE PROBLEMS

Specially Trained Force Recommended

Singapore, Apr. 4.—The British Mission, which investigated police problems in Malaya earlier this year, today published a report which commends measures taken to hunt down terrorist bands and makes recommendations for a "body of specially selected and trained police" to be set up after the present emergency.

The three-man Mission—Sir Alexander Maxwell, retired Under-Secretary of the Home Office, who led it, the Chief Constable J. F. Ferguson, of Kent, and Mr A. L. Jackson, Secretary of the Metropolitan Police—said that after the present emergency has passed the possibility of further attempts to create chaos in the country must be considered.

In addition to the specially selected police force, they recommended the following measures:

- 1.—High priority for schemes to settle squatters in suitable areas.
- 2.—Chinese recruits should be drawn into the uniformed branch and Asians should be appointed to gazetted rank as cadets in the same way as Europeans.
- 3.—The 500 British sergeants recruited on two-year agreements in 1948 should be offered re-engagements for a further three years with an increase of pay of at least \$1500 monthly.
- 4.—A welfare officer should be appointed to advise the police Commissioner on matters affecting the welfare and pay of the force.
- 5.—No more British inspectors should be recruited.
- 6.—Police vehicles operating in the jungle should be announced, and high priority should be given for wireless communications for jungle squads.

The Mission found "measures for hunting down terrorist bands are being planned with care and executed with resolution."—Reuter.

Singapore, Apr. 4.—Tempests, brigands and Spitfires bombed and strafed the Mentakab area of Central Malaya today, striking back at widespread guerrilla raids in which five Britons fell wounded.

A Malay constable was killed, and a British administrator, Mr A. H. Glider, was seriously wounded, and two British soldiers were slightly wounded in an ambush near Youngpens, Johore, today.

In the Kedah area, a European assistant planter, who had volunteered for anti-bandit work, was slightly wounded in a police clash with a terrorist band.

Last night a British soldier and three civilians were wounded when guerrillas attacked the Singapore-Kuala Lumpur mail train in Johore State.—Reuter.

HUGE SEIZURE OF GOLD

Bombay, Apr. 4.—Indian customs officials going over a 100-ton craft inch by inch today have so far seized 3,000,000 rupees worth of smuggled gold but think that they have to break the boat up completely before giving up the search.

The haul after five hours of searching was 787 pounds weight of gold—the biggest haul in an Indian port this century. The small craft reached Bombay on April 1 with 20 Arabs on board. Her double thickness watertank was completely dismantled by customs men who hope that they are on the way to breaking up a big network of smugglers.—Reuter.

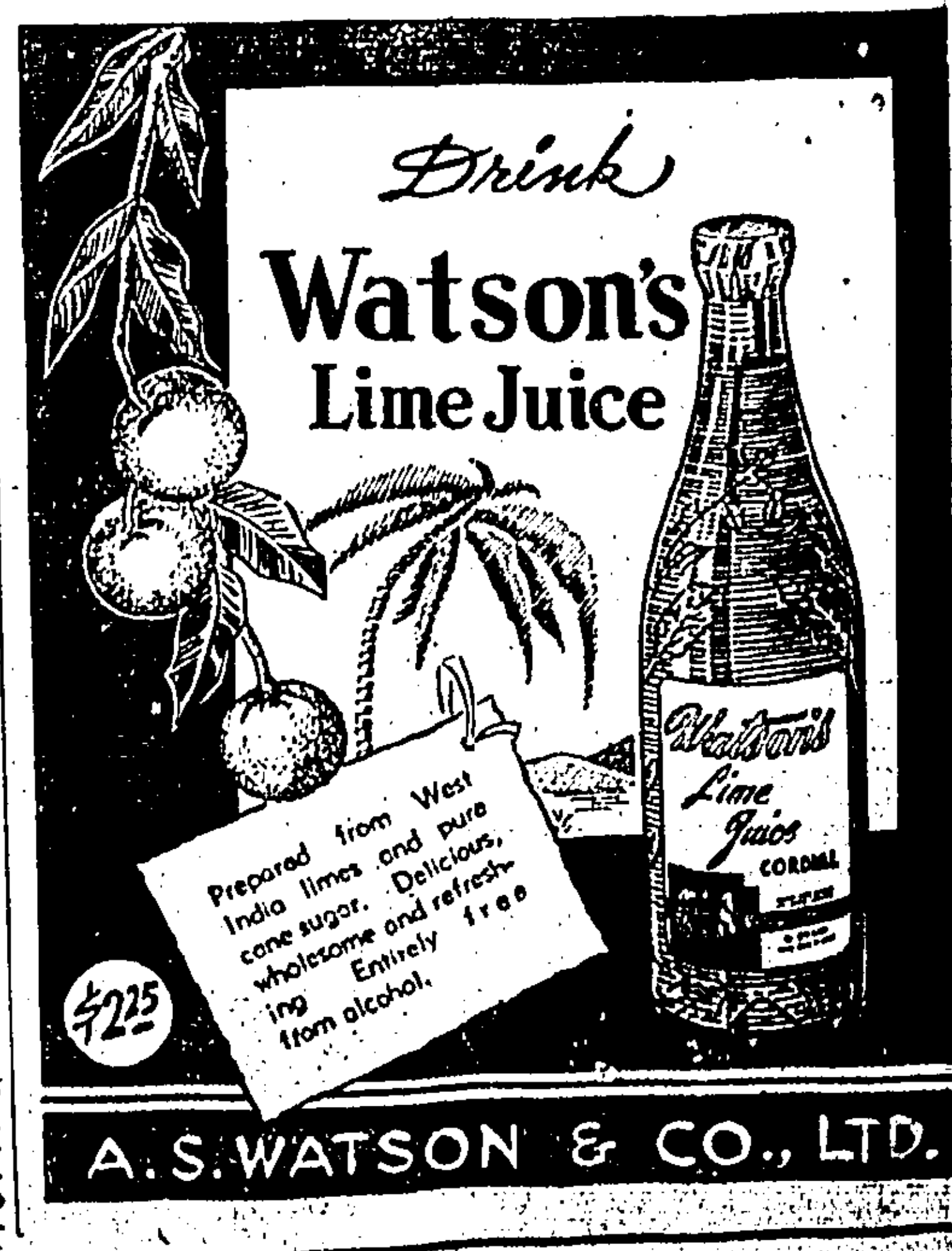
What Protest?

London, Apr. 4.—Mr L. D. Gamman is to ask the Foreign Secretary on Thursday what investigation has been made regarding the use of Shanghai airfields by Russian anti-aircraft personnel and what protest he has made or proposes to make to the Chinese Government.—Our Own Correspondent.

EDITORIAL

Battling Local Inflation

HESITATION by large industrial organisations in the Colony about granting additional h.c.l. allowances, and allowing themselves to be guided by the findings and the award of the Dairy Farm arbitration tribunal, derives from a feeling easily shared. If there is any perfect answer to the problem of decent living standards it is to be discovered not in raising wage scales but in reducing prices. Apart from an obvious reluctance by factory owners to accept the burden of inflated operating costs, with its natural corollary, passing it on to the consumer and preparing for a fall in trade, their primary argument, theoretically, at least, is not to be challenged. Boosted wage levels affecting the general labour situation is inflationary, and cannot be otherwise. Higher labour costs work insistently on the price of commodities, stimulating a demand for yet further allowances, and swiftly promoting a dangerous spiral tendency. As the process continues, few find themselves better off, and the majority more severely feel the pinch. Analysing the normal economic consequences of inflation is, however, one thing, and formulating an intelligible check is quite another. As far as can be observed, most of the utility companies are prepared to surrender to the wage pressures, and it is difficult to make out a case in opposition to that policy. Over the past nine months commodity prices have advanced appreciably and nothing which can now be foreseen is likely to cause early retardation. Industrial concerns apparently are far from satisfied. Indeed, there are strong hints of likely representations to Government, urging administrative concentration on cutting the price of essentials, rather than compel employers to put their hands more deeply into their pockets. Unfortunately, it appears to stop at that point. The project of stirring Government to action lacks the backing of definite proposals demonstrating how Government is expected to accomplish the desired result. Hongkong's ruling prices are, it is agreed, out of all proportion to those in most other parts of the world. Reasons vary. Technically, it seems absurd that locally killed beef is far more expensive than stocks imported from Australia. But factors such as supply and demand, public preference or prejudice, the breakdown of normal channels, are involved to an extent not experienced elsewhere. Similarly with most other basic foods. Probing the extent of the trouble contributes little to its solution. It is not suggested, we imagine, that the Government should adopt Britain's price freeze policy, the system of providing food subsidies. Such controls are rigid and highly beneficial to the lowliest paid workers. If they were honestly advocated by industrialists and commercial firms, their possible imposition might commend itself to official consideration. It is, however, difficult to believe that anything in that direction conforms even to factory operators' ideas on how Government should curb market prices. Far from being psychologically prepared for such experiments, Hongkong's businessmen in the main seek exactly the reverse, the elimination of existing controls and the test of an entirely free market. Moreover, a subsidy programme would heavily tax the Colony's finances, and give the Financial Secretary incontestable justification for insisting on new sources of revenue. Is there a satisfactory alternative, guaranteed to achieve the required purpose? Industrialists in the mood to agitate for a new Government policy, can perhaps offer one.



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WoodTHIS suit for
spring weather
combines gray
worsted wraparound
skirt with a tweed
bolero striped gray,
black and yellow.The buttons are
gray bone, the
sleeve is bracelet
length, and the
model is sketched
here with a green
scarf.There's A Variety
Of Ways To Tie
Your ScarfTHERE ARE more ways
than one to wear a
scarf. A big butterfly bow,
tied with a multi-colored
scarf—such as one of the
new jewel-toned Paisley
prints—gives a soft, femi-
nine touch. A fichu collar,
so easily draped with a
scarf, gives a shirwaist
dress a new look.Bright colored scarves
may be worn as gilets, or as
halters, or they double as
blouses and bring colourful
new life to a tailored suit.

Use Chiffon

The "cowboy" effect—the
scarf tied front or back, and
tucked in the neckline, is new.
Have a collection of small
chiffon or silk scarves—wind
them with your pearl or gold
chain, or fold a small chiffon
and use it like a ribbon to sus-
pend an impressive locket
around your neck.For the horseshoe, or picture-
frame collar, fold a 24-inch
scarf on the diagonal, ends in-
side, into a strip about four
inches wide. Tie the end at the
back of the neck. Fasten in
front with a pair of clips. A
scarf of graduated polka dots
or narrow stripe is particularly
effective worn this way.

Petal-drape Collar

The petal-drape collar is
easily achieved by folding the
scarf into triangle shape, tying
it at the back of the neck, and
pulling—the ends of the knot,
under at the back and around
to the front at each side. Spread
out flat.For the butterfly-bow cape
collar, fold a 36-inch scarf on
the diagonal, then spread the
points. Tie a single knot where
the points separate. Tie the
long ends around the neck in
back to form a big, draped
bow in front. Or, tie it in front,
to wear the butterfly bow as a
capelet.PENICILLIN
DUST DOES
WONDERS

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

IT is years now since the breath-
ing of penicillin in in-
fections as a treatment for infec-
tions of the nose, throat and
lungs was given its first trial.More recently it has been
used in more than 1,000 cases of
various types of infection of the
breathing organs and found to
live up to its first promise. The
penicillin dust treatment has
certain advantages. It is simple
and inexpensive. It can be
used in the home as well as in
the hospital. In dust form,
penicillin does not have to be
kept in the ice-box, nor does it
need to be diluted or mixed
with other preparations before
it is used. There is no pain or
inconvenience associated with
its use. With the dust the ef-
fects of the penicillin are main-
tained over a period of several
hours.

Secondary Infections

Penicillin cannot be expected
to affect the virus which is prob-
ably responsible for colds.
However, there are often
secondary infections which
cause colds to persist. Hence
with the penicillin dust treat-
ment, the course of a cold may
be shortened materially.Penicillin dust also seems to
be helpful in the treatment of
chronic sinus infections. It may
be of value if measures are in-
stituted to make sure that the
sinus is draining properly.Inflammation of the windpipe,
larynx or voicebox, when
due to infection, may also
respond to the penicillin dust
treatment. This treatment has
also been found helpful in both
acute and chronic bronchitis.In a condition of the lungs
known as bronchiectasis in
which the bronchi or small
tubes in the lungs are dilated or
stretched, producing such sym-
ptoms as cough, loss of weight or
strength and the bringing up of
large amounts of sputum, peni-
cillin dust has been very bene-
ficial in some cases.Where necessary, the peni-
cillin dust treatment may be aug-
mented by injections of peni-
cillin into a muscle. This treat-
ment, of course, must be carried
out under the directions of the
physician, who will suggest the
proper device to employ and
how often it is to be used.

Modern Woman Insists On Shoe Comfort

PERHAPS Grandma forced her
size six footie into size five
shoes, but not the girl of today.
She insists upon comfort and
now that shoe manufacturers and
shoe salesman have recognized
the fact—at long last—we're all
walking around on comfortable
shoes.The hand and light on the feet.
Something wonderful has hap-
pened to alligator and all the re-
ptile leathers that women used
to say they "couldn't wear."
Calif is as easy on the feet as kid
used to be. Sandals are balanc-
ed, and though the really high-
heeled "dramy sandals" are not
designed for a long day's pave-ment pounding, they are plan-
ned to give support and comfort
on anything but a long day's
shopping trip.Something has happened to
colour, too. We wear red as
everything. We consider red as
all-purpose as black used to
be. We wear navy blue where
once we would have worn brown.

Improved Hair Care Methods

The many hair-care aids on the market today make it easy
for any girl to wash and set her own locks. But you need a good
basic permanent haircut.

By HELEN FOLLETT

EVERY year the beauty in-
dustry steps ahead, makes new
offerings, improves upon
methods. Consider, for instance,
the permanent wave; takes less
time, no discomfort, result
glorious.American women spend mil-
lions every year on pulchri-
tude treatments. The returns
worth the money? Look at
the permanent wave; takes less
time, no discomfort, result
glorious.In no branch of the beauty
industry have there evolved so
many innovations as in the hair
dressing department. Almost
any operator in a pulchritude
parlor will give you a finger
wave that is well-nigh perfect.
Quick swirls of the comb, deft
pinches of the fingers, undula-tions appear and roselbud ring-
lets abound. You're all fixed
until the next shampoo. Is it
worth the money? Look at
yourself when your hair is
straight and stringy.At the present time, the
short cut remains good for those
who like it. But you don't
have to have it if you don't
want it. Many of the older
girls have gone back to the
swirl that has dignity and
charm. Rear locks swept across
the back of the head, side locks
licked up, front tresses placed
on the bias, drawn down into a
little hirsute valance, or upped
into a soft semi-pompadour.For certain types of sweet
young things, flowing locks
over the shoulders impart a
romantic air and are beloved
by those who have them. Night
robbing a girl of thirty or forty
minutes of sleep, but what of
it? For the sake of her head
and the sake of her soul, she
must have curls.

Let's Eat

BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Home Cooking Hard to Top

"CHIEF, we've been judges on
many cooking and baking
contests, of both homemakers
and professional cooks. What
would you say is the main
difference in the entries?"
"As regards taste, Madame,
I would give accolade to the
homemaker. She usually takes
more time and care and uses her
own personally selected ingre-
dients to make the foods taste
delicious. Without prejudice to
my colleagues, the professional
cooks and chefs, I would say that
home-cooking at its best is in-
comparably better than the pro-
fessional product. I must say
that even the most experienced
home cooks and bakers often
do not have the professional
touch."

Professional Touch

"Ah, Monsieur, that is ze trick
of ze Chef. However, there is
no reason why any homemaker
cannot learn the professional
touch."It's very important for women
to take a refresher course in
cooking and baking now and
then. It relieves the monotony
of preparing foods over and
over in the same old way. They
find new ways to make simple
foods look important, and how
to garnish them easily and
attractively. Let's apply some
of these principles of making
foods look professional to this
day's menu."

Dinner

Tomato Soup with Croutons
Lamb Pastey Browned Parsnips
Cup Custards Bing Cherry Sauce
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)Serve the soup steaming hot
in heated soup plates or bouillon
cups, never more than 3/4 full—
and no drops spilled on the edge!
Garnish each with 1/2 tablespoon
neatly cut hot croutons.Decorate the top of the pasty
with fancy figures cut from the
crust. Do sure the sides of the
dish are spotless.Top the cole slaw with shred-
ded pickles or colour con-
trast. Serve the slaw very cold,
and not "soupy."Turn the custards into glass
dishes; top each with a Bing
cherry and surrounded with
cherries and juice; serve well
chilled.Include enriched bread or rolls
with butter or margarine.
All Measurements Are Level
Unless Stated Otherwise

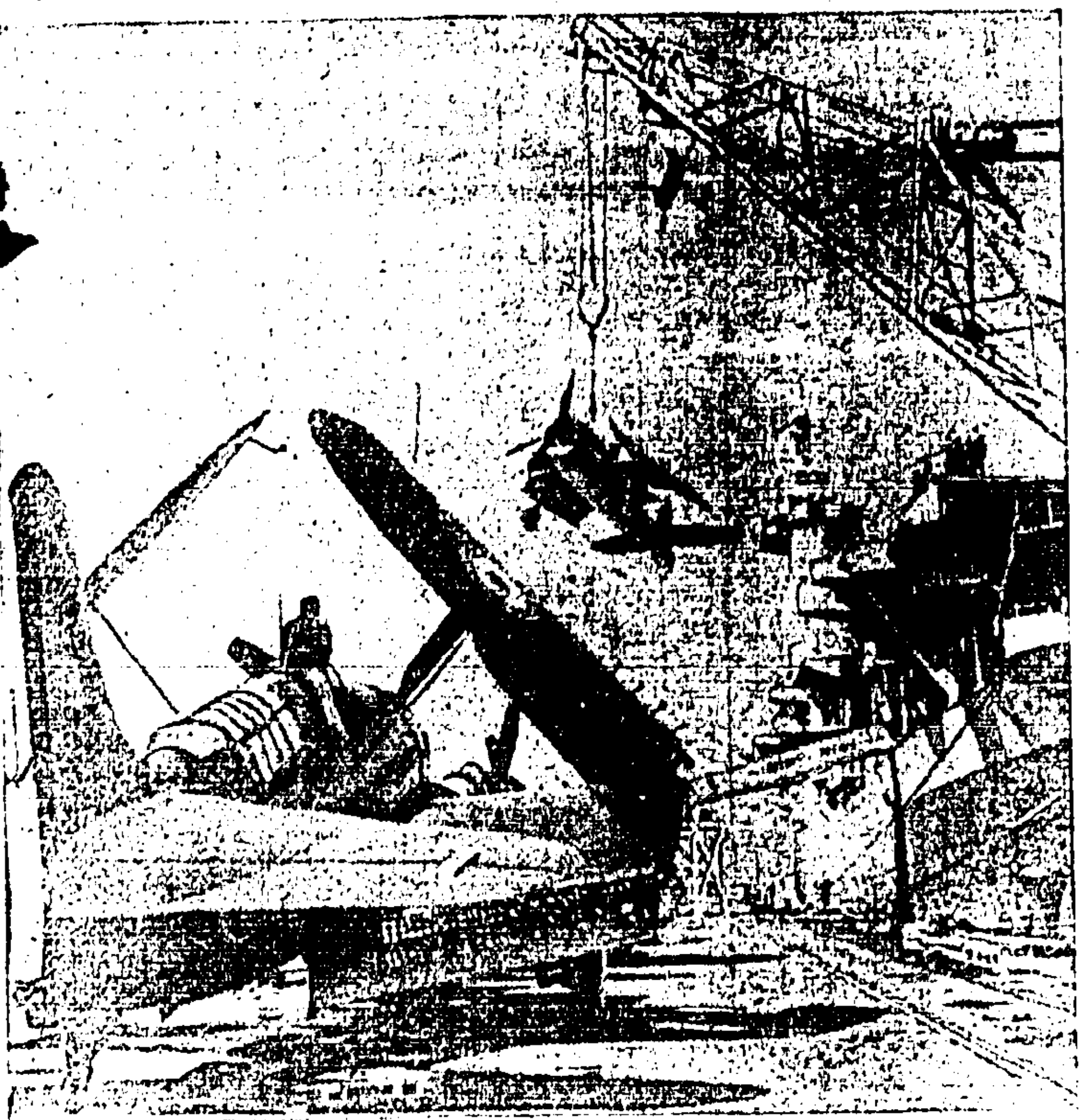
Lamb Pastey

Order 3 lbs. neck of lamb. Cut
off sauce, fat and cut the lambfrom the bones in bite-sized
pieces. Sift together 6 tbsp.
flour, 1 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper
and roll the lamb in this taking
up all the flour. Then saute
slowly until light brown in
3 tbsp. butter, margarine or
vegetable fat. Put the lamb in
a 3 pt.-sized casserole or baking
dish. Add 1/2 cup, powdered bay-
leaf, or 1 small bayleaf crushed
into bits. Pour in 3 c. boiling
water. Cover and bake until
almost fork-tender, about 1 1/2
hrs. Then add 1/2 cup, grated
onion, 1 tsp. tomato ketchup
and 1 1/2 c. small-diced potato
of French potato balls. Stir in 1 c.
drained minced peas or defrosted
green peas if desired. If the
gravy is not sufficiently thick,
add 1 tbsp. flour blended with
1 tbsp. water and bring to
boiling point. Cover with
baking powder biscuit pastry,
(given previously in this
column). Place in a very hot
oven, 400-425 F. and bake until
brown, about 25 min. Serve
from the casserole.Tomato-Onion French
DressingPeel and chop into small pieces
1 small mild onion. Place in a
pt.-sized jar; add 1/4 c. salad oil,
2 tbsp. vinegar, 1 c. tomato juice,
1/4 tsp. sugar, 1/4 tsp. pepper,
1/4 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. Worcestershire
sauce and 1 tsp. table
mustard. Cover and let stand
a few hours or overnight in the
refrigerator. Shake or stir
thoroughly to blend before
using.

Cup Custards

Scald 3 c. whole milk; slightly
beat 3 eggs with 5 tbsp. sugar,
1/4 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. nutmeg.
Pour the scalded milk into the
egg, stirring constantly. Trans-
fer to six large custard cups.
Next line a good-sized baking
pan on the bottom with three
folded newspapers. Place the
custard cups on this, and pour
in boiling water half way up
the cups. Bake in a moderate
oven 350-375 F. until light
brown on top, and a knife
when inserted in the centre
comes out clean. This takes
about 35 min. Remove the
custards at once from the pan of
hot water to stop further
cooking. The newspaper is used
to line the pan so there will be
a little water between the bottom
of the custard cups and the
pan—otherwise the custards will
bake too rapidly on the bottom
and will be overdone. Cool;
chill; unmould in dessert dishes
and serve with a few halved
Bing cherries and their juice.

PLANE SHIPMENT UNDER ARMS AID



U.S. Navy fighter and bomber planes are loaded aboard the French aircraft carrier, Dixmude, at the Norfolk (Virginia) Naval Base as America's billion-dollar arms-for-Europe programme begins. The carrier ferried about 50 planes back to Europe. (Acme)

Pressing Problem For The Commonwealth

London, Mar. 27.—Transfer of population, emigration, redistribution of the white population of the Commonwealth — all add up to one of the most pressing problems of the day. According to Mr H. H. Hinsley, Lecturer in Modern History at Cambridge, "the British must build a fourth British Empire of perish as a Great Power."

In outlining the arguments — historical, economic, strategic and demographic — in favour of redistribution within the Commonwealth, Mr Hinsley used his political and historical judgment on the facts.

Briefly, his point was this: the white populations of the world are likely to cease to grow altogether by 1970 or soon after. The main reason is the voluntary limitation of births over the past 70 years. Great Britain, he says, is a typical example, and quoted its facts and figures to prove it. Mr Hinsley was addressing a large audience at the Royal Empire Society in London. There were murmurs of agreement when he made his second point—that in his opinion, there would be no great decline in the non-white peoples of the world for the next 100 years.

SUN SYLPH



Film actress Rhonda Fleming suns herself during a boat trip on Lake Mead, near Las Vegas, Nevada. Her smooth lines provide a contrast to the rugged landscape in the background. (Acme)

"Move 20 million people from India and 20 million more will take their place in less than two years" he said.

The uneven distribution which we have in the Commonwealth at present has been both a source of strength and a source of weakness, politically and economically.

MILITARILY UNSOUND

What has steadily ruined our economic position since the 1870's? he asked. Coincidence of continually increasing population at home, and continually increasing industrial competition abroad. "In attempting to expand exports while holding down imports, we are trying to reverse tendencies dominant in our external economic relations in the last 70 years."

In Britain, the majority of people look upon emigration as the way to a new life, in countries which are badly under-populated. But there is a strong strategic argument in favour of emigration to the dominions. It is now militarily unsound to have the centralisation of the Commonwealth war potential in the United Kingdom, owing to the revolution which has taken place in war by the development of new weapons.

"Redistribution as a long term policy must concern us," said Mr Hinsley. "We can no longer rely on the Navy and the English Channel for defence." Apparently we can no longer even act as a neutral of a planning headquarters, for the same reason.

Both in the interests of the Commonwealth, and of Great Britain itself, redistribution of population is the most logical and sensible strategy. Far from leading a sinking ship—the attitude adopted by many who are against emigration—Great Britain could easily afford to lose twenty million people. She would still be the centre of the Commonwealth. She would still have some thirty million people left.

NOT SO STARTLING

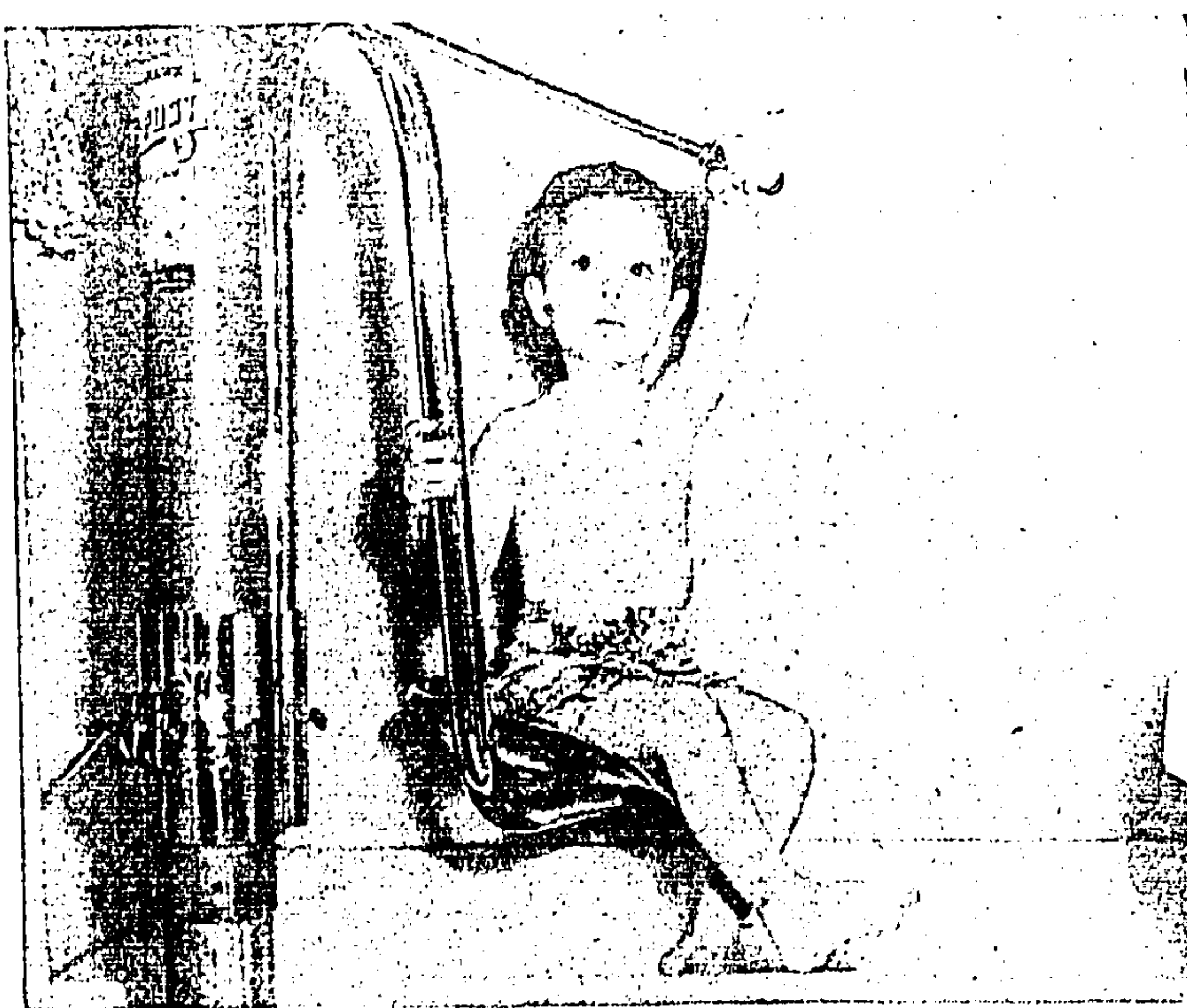
Development is held back in the colonies because they are under-populated, and Mr Hinsley envisages a net transfer of twelve to fifteen million people over the next thirty years, mostly to Canada, Australia and New Zealand, but also to South Africa and Rhodesia. This figure is not so startling when converted to the annual rate of just under 500,000 emigrants a year. At present 300,000 emigrants a year is our average since the war.

Mr Hinsley stressed that a fair cross-section of the population must leave—old and young, working and dependent, skilled and unskilled, and said that

steps would have to be taken to adjust the financial and other economic relationships between the Dominions and Great Britain.

Not for a moment did Mr Hinsley suggest that a scheme of this magnitude is a simple undertaking. He did, however, insist that it was not an impossible task, and does not think emigration should be regarded as a defeatist policy. It could be the promotion of Commonwealth evolution on the soundest lines.

MAKING THE BATHTUB SAFE



Little Merle Graham, aged five, tests a new device in Chicago to abolish falls in the bathtub. Working like a motor car jack, the hoist seat lifts the bather, swings him over the tub and lowers him into the water. All he has to do is to wash himself. (Acme)

K. O. CANNON The Riddle of the Red Domino



Lowland Division Lives Again

"Not all these indispensable changes in the structure of the Territorial Army are unpleasant necessities," said Mr John Strachey, the War Minister, when he outlined Britain's new plan for her reserve Army in the House of Commons recently. "For example," he continued, "it has been possible to group certain brigades together in Scotland to form a reconstituted 52nd Lowland Division, the absence of which from the Territorial Army has been much deplored in the past."

The news of the re-birth of this Division will give pleasure to much more than Scotland. It has a name and a reputation which stand high among all Territorials and with the Regular Army.

Few such major formations as the 52nd had so many changes of role and unexpected adventures in World War II. The only British division to remain a purely Territorial formation from the beginning to the end of hostilities, it formed part of the 2nd British Expeditionary Force sent into France after Dunkirk in June 1940, in a last and very desperate attempt to stiffen the collapsing French resistance.

Only 157 Brigade and its supporting artillery was actually involved in this fighting. When it came, the Jocks were 150 miles inland from Cherbourg, having slogged their way in searching heat through columns of refugees and disorganised French soldiers.

They went into action in virtual isolation as the news of the surrender of Paris came through. They fought grimly, but were withdrawn when the German attacks became too heavy, and were sent even further away from the Channel ports to join a "last line across Brittany" which the French were reported to be preparing. It was only when after disaster faced them that Lord Almonbrooke, acting firmly, ordered final withdrawal and evacuation. After another nightmare trek to the coast, the last Jocks started across the Channel early on June 18. That evening, the Germans entered Cherbourg.

It was to be four years before the Division went into action again—four years spent in arduous training and preparing for a bewildering variety of roles. In "Mountain and Flood," the newly-published history of the Division, Mr George Blake, an ex-52nd man himself and a former editor of the Edinburgh Evening Citizen, describes them thus: "For years, in the Highlands of Scotland, it practised the special arts of Mountain Warfare, learning by hard experience and in harsh conditions a technique of fighting unknown to the most recondite specialists in the War Office;

indeed contributing to the fund of British military experience a whole series of discoveries the Imperial General Staff had never before been obliged to contemplate.

It then received the more common sort of training in Combined Operations and the use of amphibious craft. In a third phase it mastered the highly specialised sciences proper to an airborne, or rather, air-portable division. Its staff planned to undertake no fewer than seven major operations from Normandy up to, and including, Arnhem.

UNDER SEA LEVEL

The Division did not go into action until October 1944, more than three months after D-Day, and then the Jocks who were on their sleeves the proud "Mountain" legend of their specialised training were led to assault the low beaches and dykes of South Devon and Walcheren, and, in the conquest of these Dutch Islands, to fight largely under sea level and often to move in boats. At no time until its campaign ended with the capture of Bremen did the Division, trained for the ridges, the passes and the peaks, fight at more than 300 feet above sea level.

During its long training, the Jocks learned to use the aid and the snowshoe, to make igloos and shape and live in holes scooped in the mountain-top snows, and they experimented with every kind of new equipment and gadget. One party went to Colorado to test the U.S.-developed "Weasel," a tracked vehicle which can surmount snow, swamp and water. Another party was sent to study mountaineering in the Canadian Rockies.

FALSE MESSAGES

Negative though this training may have appeared at the time, it proved to be perhaps their most important role. Though they never made the attack on Norway for which they were intended, the Germans' knowledge that a division was being trained in mountain warfare in the Highlands kept big and badly-needed enemy forces tied up awaiting an invasion that never came.

This illusion was heightened in 1944. False radio messages sent out by the 52nd hoodwinked the Germans into believing that an attack on Norway was imminent at the time

when the Allies were poised for their invasion of Normandy. After its experiences in Holland, the Lowland Division had some very hard fighting on the frontier of Germany, cleared out the Ruhr pocket, and became the first British Division to set up its headquarters on German soil. It crossed the Dortmund-Ems canal at Rhine in co-operation with the tanks of the "Desert Rats" and 14th Armoured Brigade, in the face of desperate resistance from the best troops the Germans had left, and ended on a note of triumph with the capture of the great bomb-smashed seaport of Bremen.

Not a few Englishmen served the 52nd, and its one VC, Fusilier Dennis Donning (Royal Scots Fusiliers) was the son of an Italian confectioner in a Durham mining village.

FESTIVAL WILL END IN BLAZE OF GLORY

This year's Edinburgh International Festival of Music and Drama, which will be held from August 20 to September 9, is to end in a blaze of glory on the Castle Esplanade.

Sir Thomas Beecham is to conduct a performance of Handel's "Music for the Royal Fireworks" on the Esplanade, with the Castle as a background. The orchestra will be augmented by two brass bands, and there will be an accompaniment of cannon from the Castle. The lights on the Castle and the Esplanade will then be extinguished, and a gigantic fireworks display will bring the Festival to a close.

FOUR PLAYS

There will be four plays at the Festival, three of them by Scotsmen, and two of them by contemporary dramatists, Eric Linklater and James Beadie. The Old Vic Company will give the first public performance for 22 years of Ben Jonson's "Bartholomew Fair." Dame Sybil Thorne, Sir Lewis Casson, and Sonie Dresdel will be among the artists who will appear.

The New Ballet Theatre, the Grand Ballet de Monte Carlo (with Leonide Massine as guest artist) and some Spanish dancers will each perform for a week, and the seven orchestras include the world-famous Milan Orchestra of La Scala, the Sinfonietta Orchestra from Denmark, the Orchestre National, the Halle and the Royal Philharmonic. One thousand nine hundred artists in all will take part. It is hoped to stage a military display.

Letters of inquiry are pouring in at the rate of 500 a week from all parts of the world.

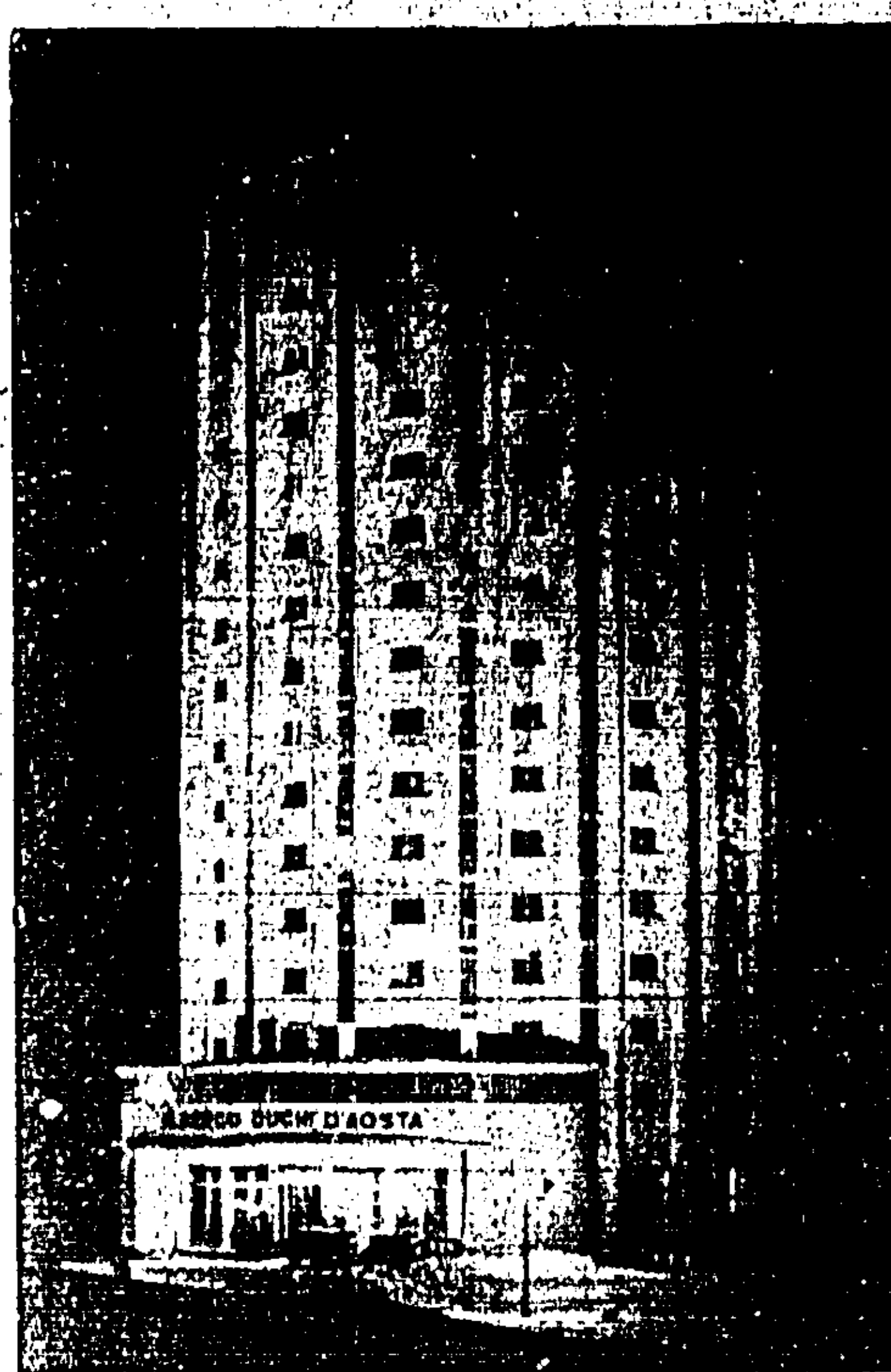
TRIBUTE TO RED CROSS

In Nelson's cabin in HMS Victory, the Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Almon Willis, entertained the British Red Cross Society to luncheon recently, as a token of gratitude for its work for the Navy during the war and since.

The 20 guests, including the Society's chairman, Lord Woolton, and its vice-chairman, the Countess of Linlithgow, assembled in Nelson's day cabin, the study in which he wrote his famous prayer before Trafalgar and began his unfinished letter to Lady Hamilton.

Both cabins were as they were in Nelson's time, including the black-and-white chequer-board floor covering of old sail canvas. But instead of the lanterns which lighted the cabin when Nelson and Hardy dined together, there was electric light. Since 1899 over 6,000 VAD's of the Red Cross and Order of St John have served with the Royal Navy; 300 are serving today, including 100 overseas. The Society and the Order also provide welfare officers in hospitals at home and overseas.

NOT OPTICAL ILLUSION



No, it's a night view of a resort hotel in the winter sports town of Sestriere, Italy. The famous landmark, built like a circular tower, has 184 rooms which range along a 1,700-foot spiral ramp. (Acme)

Colourful London Ceremony

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Mar. 23. Doctor Subandrio, the newly appointed Ambassador of Indonesia, today presented his credentials to the King at Buckingham Palace. At 11 a.m. two gleaming black and gold State landaus, with the Royal Crest blazoned on the coach doors, drew up outside the Embassy in old Knightsbridge crescent, and in so doing a colourful old custom was revived.

This is the first time since the war that a Foreign Ambassador has been called for in this traditional way.

The trappings of the two chestnut horses, leading the first landau, were hung with tassels of gold, and the coachmen and footmen wore ankle-length scarlet caped coats.

Sir John Monk, the Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, stepped out of the first one and went inside the Embassy to bring Dr Subandrio back with him.

The new Ambassador was dressed traditionally in Javanese blangkon, dark wiro, and plain jacket, and faced a battery of cameras as he stood on the Embassy steps.

The BBC had a recording van there, and reporters, private photographers and pressmen with flash bulbs were milling round. Dr Subandrio was photographed as he left the Embassy, and as he entered the coach.

MADAME SUBANDRIO

A diversion was caused by Dadojo, the Ambassador's six-year-old son, who could hardly contain his impatience, and clamoured to be allowed to go with his father to the palace.

I noticed Madame Subandrio in the entrance, dressed in a pale blue and black kebaya, and

brightly coloured kain, with a black lace scarf over her shoulders.

In the second landau was the Trade Commissioner, Mr Westerman, and the First Secretary, Dr Zolgel Abidin.

Dr Subandrio held a large white envelope containing his official letters of credence, stamped with a five-pointed star like that used by President Soekarno to illustrate his five-point plan. The official crest of the new Embassy has not yet been chosen.

IMPROVISED PARTY Mounted police escorted the coaches as they drove along Knightsbridge and up Constitution Hill, and crowds of sight-seers watched them enter the courtyard of . . . Buckingham Palace.

Another Ambassador who presented his credentials this morning with the glory and pomp of a pre-war London ceremony was from Ecuador.

It was just 15 minutes before the brief ceremony was over, and the landau brought Dr Subandrio back to the Embassy. There an improvised luncheon party was held, and as Sir John Monk was leaving, Dadojo, who had been expressly told by his mother not to talk to anyone, rushed forward and called out excitedly "Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye!"

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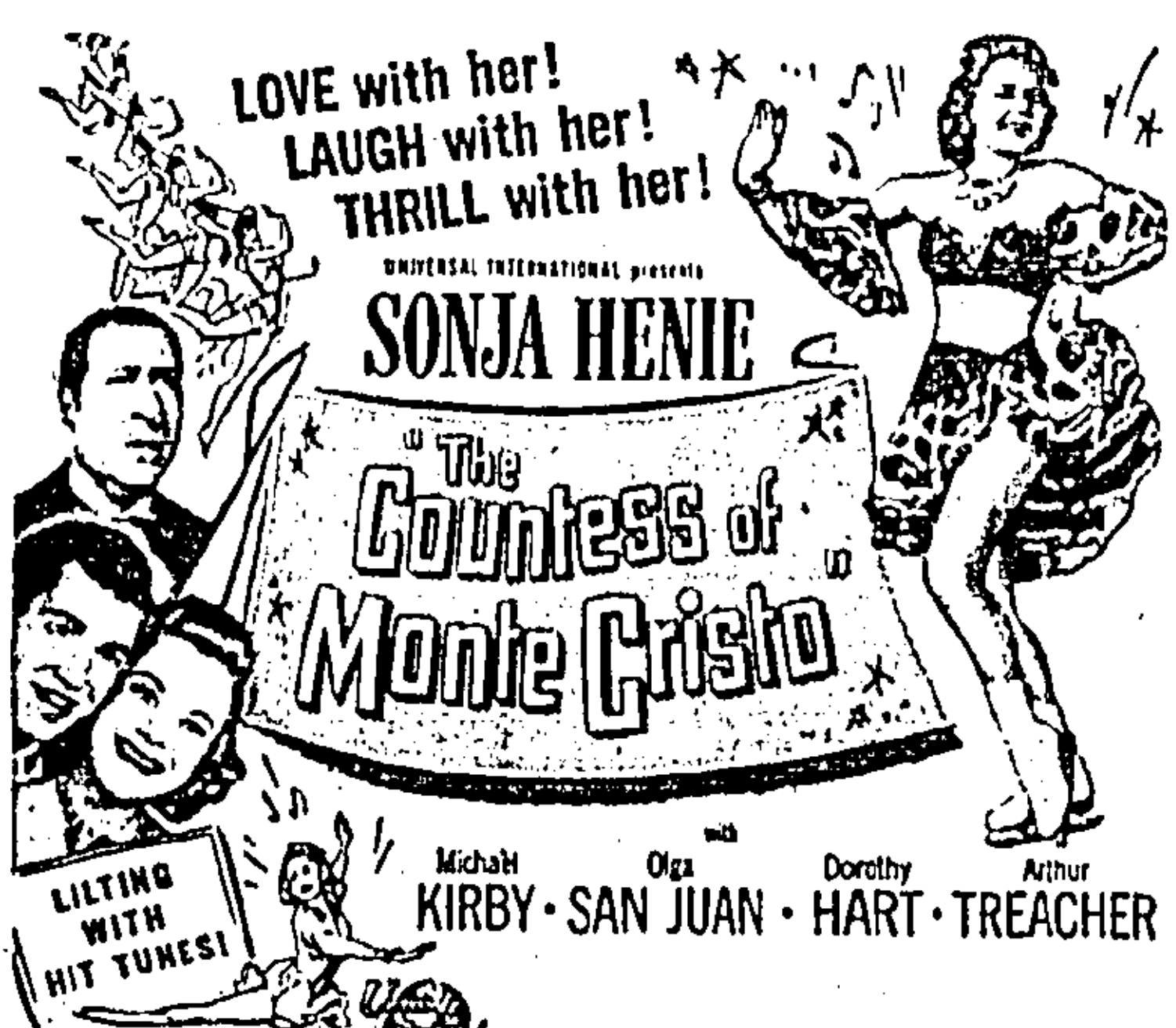


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"Which of you did that?"

London Express Service

Sitting on the Fence....

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

A FAINT blush of embarrassment mantled my cheeks when I read that "The nudist conference, which will consist of meetings and speeches by prominent members of various professions, will be conducted in a state of complete nudity."

This does not mean that I am a prude. I hope I am as broad-minded as anybody.

But, to one who not only bolts the bathroom door but blocks up the keyhole with soap, the sudden vision of a nude conference is something of a shock.

Unless he is utterly brazen, I imagine the chairman will feel rather uncomfortable as he rises from the partial protection of the conference table, fumbling nervously for the familiar armhole of his waistcoat and scratching himself painfully in the attempt.

As he coughs nervously every convolution of the diaphragm will be watched with interest by a fascinated audience.

Speech, speech

MAKE up that his speech will go something like this:

Ladies and gentlemen, We are gathered here today (mind your cigarette, Mr. Rawson, or you will burn Mrs. Ramsbottom)... I say we are gathered here today... (if you are suffering from the itch, madam, you would oblige me by leaving the room)... I repeat, we are gathered here today to discuss matters of vital importance affecting the movement... (and right, sir, we will wait until a steward finds you a handkerchief)... as I say, affecting a movement which is gradually breaking down inherited prejudice and spreading throughout the world... (don't hold that lighted match too near the gentleman's chest, waiter. You may set him on fire)... Like all pioneers we are persecuted and must expect to be the object of ridicule and cheap gibes, but with our courage in both hands... (Mrs. Bloomingdale, this is not the time to play "This Little Piggy Went To Market," and I should be extremely grateful if you would have the courtesy to keep your feet under the table.)

Monotony

An Australian schoolgirl wrote on her examination paper, "A Christian is a man who marries only one wife. This is called monotony."

EVERY night for forty years Mrs. Smith burst into tears just because soon after dark Smith would make the same remark.

Saying always that the food was, as ever, not much good.

Every morning as he shaved Mr. Smith he stormed and raved, Not because of woes or ills, But Mrs. Smith would talk of bills.

At the time when he and she drank their morning cup of tea.

Precisely as the clock struck seven Smith returned to home and heaven, And Mrs. Smith would always say, "How has business been to-day?"

And Mr. Smith who knew his line, Would always answer, "It was fine."

As the long, blank hours sped Till the time to go to bed, Mrs. Smith would sit and knit.

And Mr. Smith would sit and sit.

Mr. Smith he had no news And Mrs. Smith she had no news, Though each would take a sporting chance In any given circumstance That each would know what each would say On any topic of the day.

Years and years and years rolled by And Mr. Smith asked "Why, why, why Should one endure for years to come A life so dreary and hum-drum?"

So when he thought he'd had enough He very quietly bumped her off.

The judge, his black cap on his head, Asked Smith, "Why did you shoot her dead?" And Smith replied, "I wasn't cross, But she was so monotonous."

Firebug Queen

"Mrs. Bertha Warshawsky, Queen of the Firebug," confessed to the police that she specialised in arson to support her six children and nine grandchildren. — Message from Chicago.

CLAP hands, children, all is well, Listen, there's the fire bell, Smoke clouds hover, flames leap higher, Momma's lit another fire.

of condition could stand the strain. — An anonymous Mansion House official to a reporter.

Life to us, would be SO bright.

Every conflagration phoney Would help to buy a Shetland pony, Every fire, near and far, Would help towards a motor-car.

We'd have cream buns every day (Insurance companies would pay) We'd buy candy, we'd buy fics, We should worry at the crisis.

Hark Matilda, ain't it swell— The music of the fire bell! Clap hands, children, raise your mugs To Momma, Queen of Firebugs.

8.30 a.m.: Breakfast. More turtle soup, caviare, oysters, and champagne.

9 a.m. to 12: Running, skipping, jumping, swimming, riding, boxing, wrestling, ju-jitsu, ham-kiri, and turtle soup.

12 to 1 p.m.: Medicine ball and massage. Turtle soup cocktail.

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Three lunches, including turtle soup. One at home one at the Mansion House, and one for luck.

4 to 4.30 p.m.: Rest.

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11 p.m.: Bed and a bowl of turtle soup.

— (London Express Service)

Day in the life of a Lord Mayor

"Lord Mayors are always chosen for their stamina because no man who is not in the pink

of condition could stand the strain."

Lord Mayor of London goes into strict training before he is elected, and some idea of the hard life they lead may be gathered from the following day's programme which I obtained by the usual underhand methods:—

7.30 a.m.: Wakened with a pint of turtle soup instead of tea. The idea is to get their systems used to turtle soup.

8 a.m.: Run a mile in full regalia with chains of office.

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C. V. R. Thompson on tour

You can live like this —with Marshall aid

HOUSTON, TEXAS. THE price of building land has gone up in some parts of Houston, oil capital of Texas, to \$750 an inch—yes, an inch—of frontage. Well, at the rate I am going I should soon own an inch of Houston.

No hotel could charge as much as mine without giving its guests a share in the freehold.

I have one of the cheaper rooms—more than £5 a day.

If I were staying a month, I could have a roof-top apartment, library, solarium and all, for £700 a month. As it is all I get is a bedroom.

Oh, there are refinements. Some mechanical monster in the basement, which the management wants me to call "the lower level," delivers my air, cooled or heated as the climate requires, through a vent. Windows are just something on which to hang curtains.

And there are dim lights—except that two of mine are not working—which go on beside the switches every time they are turned off, so I do not have to fumble in the dark.

SIX BUTTONS which bring me every radio highlight from Bob Hope to the chimes of Big Ben, or, if I prefer, endless recordings of soft music.

Still, it is just a bedroom. To eat at my hotel almost calls for Marshall aid. I took two friends to dinner tonight. There were no drinks for in Texas you have to bring your own flask or bottle.

This was our menu: Four prawns, a small ablet steak

(good) French beans (undercooked) fried potatoes (overcooked) salad flaming baked Alaska (although after using ten matches the waiter could not light the brandy that makes it flame), and coffee.

The bill—£16. Someone worked that out at 7s. 6d. a mouthful.

MY HOTEL, the largest built in America since the war, and the most luxurious, according to the advertisements, ever built in America, is called the Shamrock.

It does not take long for the visitor to catch on to the fact that it has an Irish motif.

The staff uniforms are green. Green dominates the immense lobby. The restaurant, where I had dinner, is the Emerald Room.

The specially painted oils in its 1,100 rooms all have green in them. Altogether there are 63 different shades of green in the decor. Even the exit signs are green instead of red.

YOU REGISTER in green ink. And the water in the hand-sprayed swimming pool is green-tinted.

Millionaire Glenn McCarthy built the Shamrock much as we would build a chicken house—by paying out in cash as he went along.

The total bills amounted to nearly £8,000,000.

For any return on his money the Shamrock must rent 80 percent of its rooms every night for an average of £8 a room.

Mr. McCarthy will not say what the Shamrock has done.

His first-year figures give such information as this: 650lb. of shrimps have been served every week; the valets pressed 10,765 dinner suits.

More detailed figures would, he says, be "too much help to our competitors."

But the rumour will not be downed that the Shamrock, for all its green, is somewhat in the red.

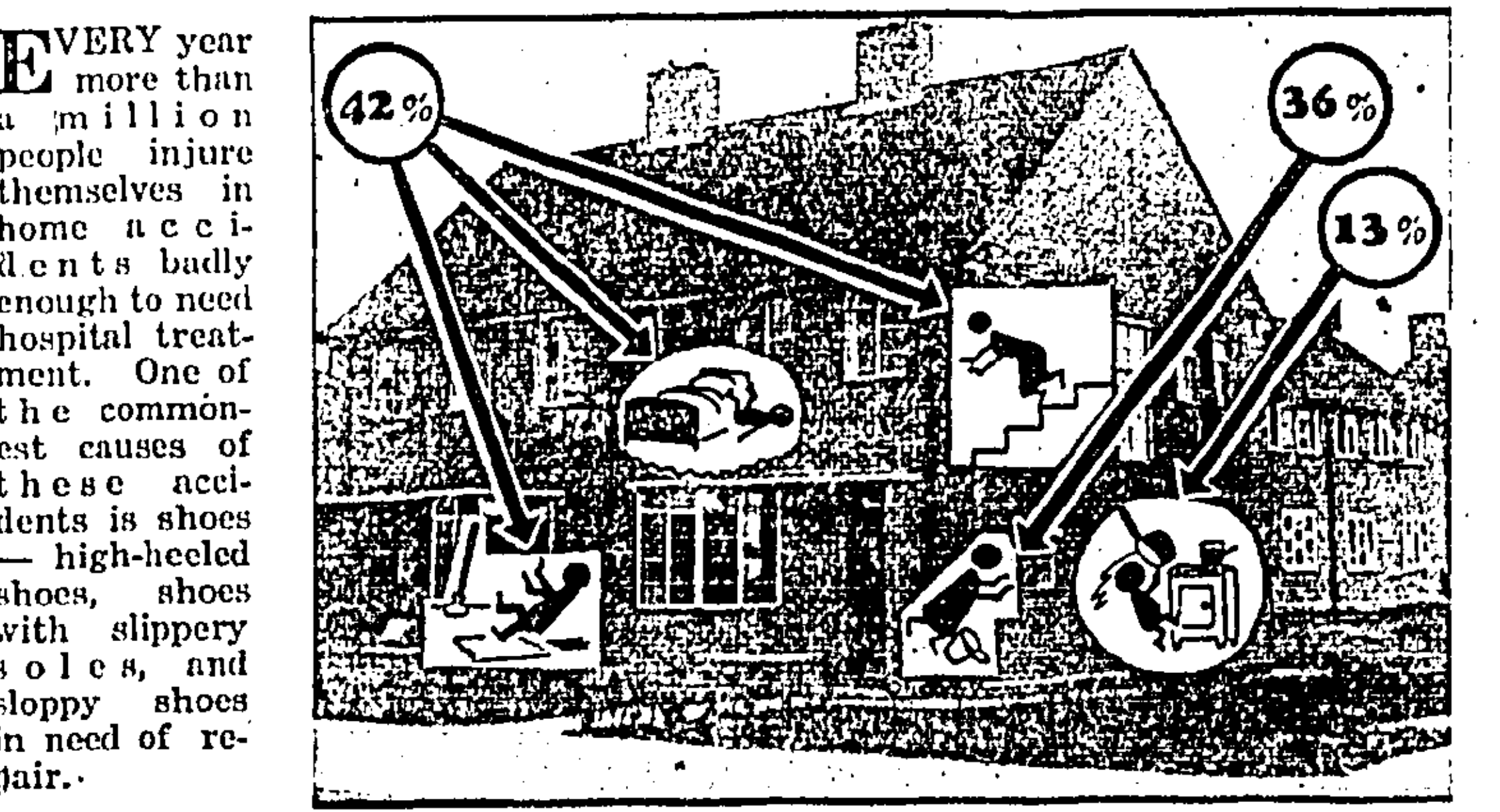
— (London Express Service)

See, officer, there's no question of this being a game of chance. I win every time!"

London Express Service.

DANGER Old shoes and mangles harm housewives most

By CHAPMAN PINCHER



FIVE SPOTS—where most of the accidents occur.

EVERY year more than a million people injure themselves in home accidents badly enough to need hospital treatment. One of the commonest causes of these accidents is shoes—high-heeled shoes, shoes with slippery soles, and sloppy shoes in need of repair.

The dangers are spotlighted in an analysis, carried out by Works Ministry scientist Miss Olive Castle, of 3,000 household accidents. Her report shows that more

than twice as many women as men get injured in the home. But more boys are hurt than girls, because they romp about more on furniture.

Falls, collisions, burns, and scalds are the commonest household injuries. Bad lighting on stairs, faulty shoes, slippery floors, and careless mothers who

leave scalding liquids within reach of children are to blame for most of them.

The most dangerous domestic machine is the mangle; the most dangerous implement, the chopper.

Many of these injuries are easily avoidable, especially those caused by using chairs as makeshift ladders, Miss Castle claims. She gives mothers four main tips for cutting down domestic mishaps:—

1. Fit safeguards wherever there are children and old people.

2. Arrange better lighting on darkened stairs for housework.

3. Avoid wearing high-heeled or worn-out shoes for housework.

4. Do not leave hot pots and pans where children can get at them.

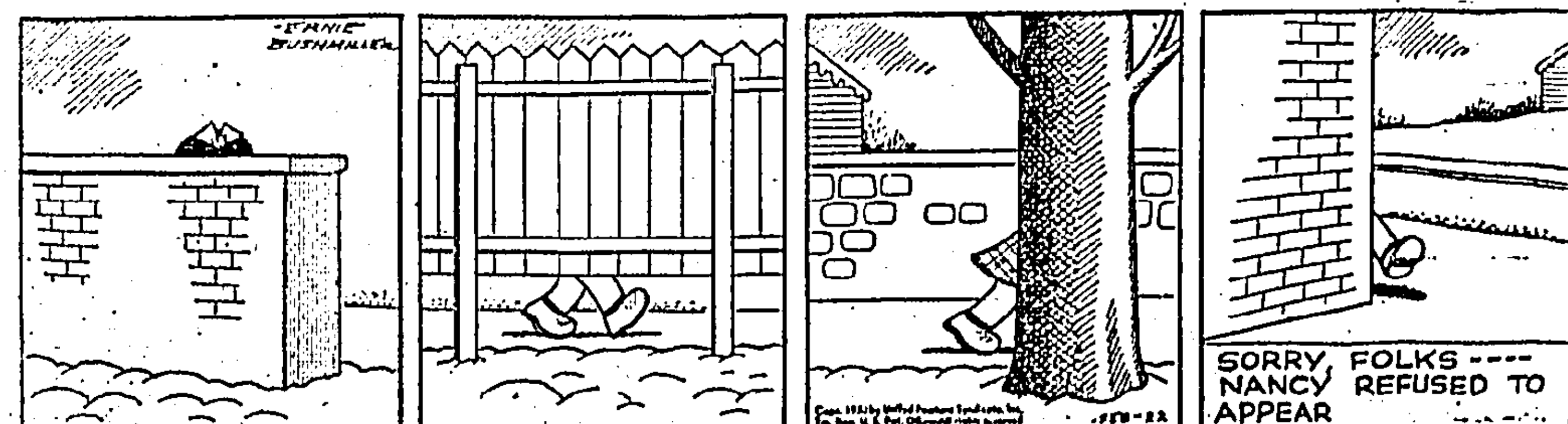
"A greater awareness of the risks attached to the use of equipment in a bad state of repair would also prevent many of the accidents," she writes in the Lancet.

— (London Express Service).

NANCY

Rest in Pieces

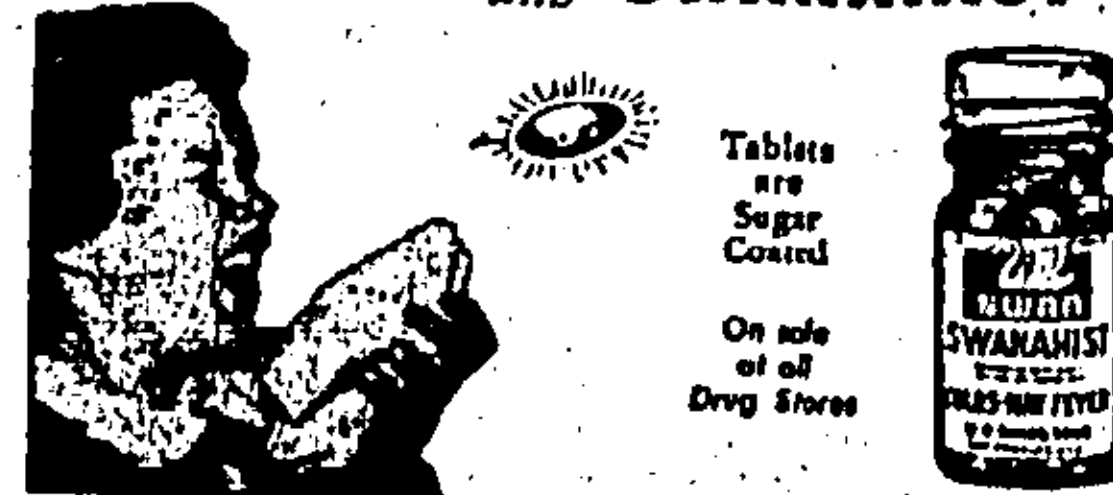
By Ernie Bushmiller



SORRY FOLKS — NANCY REFUSED TO APPEAR

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JAPANESE PEACE TREATY DRAFT READY IN MAY?

Procedure Deadlock With Russia

Washington, Apr. 4.—Top United States officials said today they were "very hopeful" that during the next few weeks considerable progress could be made towards realising the goal of a Japanese peace treaty. They warned, however, that it would be unwise, in view of the complexity of the situation, to be over-optimistic as to what might be achieved.

Lattimore Attacked By Communists!

New York, Apr. 4.—The Communist Daily Worker, in a Washington dispatch today, attacked Mr. Owen Lattimore, who has been charged by Senator Joseph McCarthy with being the top Russian agent in the State Department.

The Worker said that publication of the memorandum by Mr. Lattimore to the State Department on the Far Eastern situation showed he had been "seeking to establish the dominance of American imperialism in the Far East."

"It is a warning to the State Department of what actions to avoid in order that the United States shall not be recognised in its role of exploiter," the Worker said.

Lattimore's document today revealed that the McCarthy clique in the Senate regards as pro-Communist any Far Eastern programme not aimed at the immediate conquest of China.

"He admitted that any Far Eastern policy which could be attacked inside the United States as a bid for better relations with Russia runs the danger of being defeated, presumably in the Senate," the Worker said.

CALCUTTA'S EPIDEMICS

Calcutta, Apr. 4.—Calcutta has been gripped by two serious epidemics—smallpox and cholera—in the past three months, with a death toll of 2,385 lives, according to official reports.

Smallpox, which became epidemic early in January, has claimed 1,700 lives so far, while cholera, declared to be epidemic on January 29, has so far taken a toll of 685 lives.

Calcutta's smallpox cases during this period totalled 3,250. Last year smallpox killed 181 people, while cholera attacked 3,719 and killed 1,109, Reuters.

SMALL FIRE

Fire in a rubbish chute of the New Telephone Building, Nathan Road, which is occupied by the 15th General Army Hospital, early this morning was quickly extinguished with buckets of water by service personnel. No damage was caused.

Saar Parliament Endorses Pact

Saarbrücken, Apr. 4.—The Saar Parliament today endorsed the Franco-Saar convention, providing for greater political independence and closer economic links with France, by 47 votes against one.

The only vote against the convention was cast by a Communist, Reuters.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Ask her if she hasn't got special rates for babies like Waldo who sleep all the time?"

Sculpture In Salt



This salt carving in a mine at Kochendorf, Germany, is one of many that attract week-end visitors to the glistening white salt caverns, domes and arches.

Bridges Convicted Of Perjury

Soviet Accused Of Nazi Tactics

(Continued from Page 1)

San Francisco, Apr. 4.—Harry Bridges, leader of 25,000 West Coast longshoremen, was convicted today of perjury and conspiracy for swearing that he was not and never had been a Communist.

The middle-class jury of eight men and four women found him guilty after a stormy trial which lasted more than four months. The jury deliberated 31 hours.

The conviction carries a maximum prison term of seven years plus a fine of US\$15,000 and paves the way for the government to press action to deport the CIO longshoremen and warehousemen union president.

The jury also found J.R. Robertson, top organizer in Bridges' union, and Henry Schmidt, union vice-president, guilty on both the conspiracy and the charge of aiding and abetting Bridges in committing perjury.

Vincent Hallinan, counsel for Bridges, immediately announced that he would appeal against the verdict.—United Press.

DRY DRILLS

In order to help in the water economy drive, Hongkong and Kowloon firebrigades are now having "dry" practice drills. Water will only be used when the testing of pumps becomes necessary or to clean hoses after a fire.

"China question may alter Atlantic Pact"

London, Apr. 4.—Developments in China have provided conditions which call for a fresh estimation of the Atlantic Treaty, the *Manchester Guardian* said in a special article on Monday.

Greek Rumours Denied

Athens, Apr. 4.—The United States Embassy here and the American Aid Mission in Greece today categorically denied reports in some Athens newspapers that the Mission was withholding credits pending the clarification of the political situation in Greece, the Athens news agency reported.

The United States Ambassador, Dr. Henry Grady, recently warned the Greek Government that a stable administration was required to justify American aid.

The flow of American aid would continue normally as over the past two years, the Aid Mission said.

The Greek Premier, Mr. Sophocles Venizelos, said that the Government had no indications that Americans might be withholding aid and his Ministers were working normally with the Americans on the programme for food imports and public works.—Reuter.

The Liberal paper said: "Developments in China have provided conditions in which pressure areas could be shifted from Europe and the West to India and the East."

"A study of the air situation in these regions," the article went on, "arouses disturbing thoughts about the value of the North Atlantic Treaty and about other measures that are being taken for the defence of Western Europe."

"The risk seems to be that a large air potential will be built up in the wrong places—that the U.S. and European air staffs may be looking in the wrong direction."

"After reviewing the technical developments designed to meet the new strategic conditions," the article said, "it would follow that there must be a greater dispersal of aircraft manufacture and servicing resources throughout the Commonwealth countries, particularly Australia and India."

"The sorting out of the new air strategy will necessarily take time. The first step must be a fresh estimation of the Atlantic Treaty and of measures taken for Western defence."—United Press.

Storm Over Malaya

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than ever existed before," he said.

Britain could not look to India and Pakistan for help in the "unfortunate dispute over Kashmir," continued, Lord Strabolgi, a Labour Peer, told the House of Lords.

He stressed, however, that if Britain were in actual trouble she could do so.

Viscount Bridgeman (Conservative) complained that the Government's 1950 White Paper on defence did not emphasise the need for the co-ordination of defence forces of the Commonwealth. This, he said, was a distinctly retrograde step when most of our present Service troubles are concerned with South-East Asia, which is in the Commonwealth sphere of influence.

Lord Strabolgi also mentioned during the debate that Israel would be an ideal base and arsenal for British forces in the Middle East.

It might be possible with patience, diplomacy, skill and wisdom to induce the State of Israel to enter the Commonwealth.

If India could become a contented member of the Commonwealth, he did not see why one day Israel could not come in too.—Reuter and United Press.

Nehru and Ali Khan discuss Bengal

New Delhi, Apr. 4.—Discussions between the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan, which continued today, are understood to have covered the question of instituting machinery in East and West Bengal and Assam for the implementation of the general understanding reached between the two Governments concerning the well-being and protection of minorities in either country.

Mr. Nehru and Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan met for over an hour and a half this afternoon. This meeting was followed by a conference between Mr. Nehru and his Cabinet Ministers.

The talks between the two Dominion Premiers, as also those on the secretariat level, will be resumed tomorrow and are expected to continue on Thursday.

The constitution, scope and functions of the machinery to implement the agreement on these lines are, according to informed quarters, under consideration by the two Prime Ministers.

The present indications are that the Governments of West Bengal, East Bengal and Assam may be asked to set up commissions in their respective provinces, consisting of representatives of the Hindu and Moslem communities.

It will be the task of these commissions to inquire into complaints of minority communities in their provinces and make prompt recommendations for their redress to the respective governments.

It will also be their task to facilitate the return of evacuees, assist in their rehabilitation and protect evacuee property.

The two Prime Ministers were also understood to be examining a proposal for the establishment of an inter-governmental high-power committee whose task would be to maintain liaison between the commissions in East Bengal, West Bengal and Assam and deal with matters requiring consideration at a higher level.

MAHASABHA ARRESTS

Meanwhile it was learned from Government of India sources that the arrest of Hindu Mahasabha leaders in Bombay and Poona today and the expulsion from Delhi three days ago of Mahasabha's President,

ATTLEE PROMISES PURGE

London, Apr. 4.—The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, told Parliament today that the Government's purge of Communists from the Civil Service would be "resolutely pursued."

He was replying to Sir Walter Smithers, Conservative, who asked him to intensify the purge in view of the facts, information and names he had sent him.

Mr. Attlee replied that it was the Government's policy to ensure that no one known to be a member of the Communist Party, or to be associated with it in such a way as to raise legitimate doubts about his reliability, was employed on work vital to the security of the State.

Sir Walter, who asks almost daily questions in Parliament about alleged Communist infiltration, offered to send the Prime Minister a book called "Socialism is destroying British freedom" if he would undertake to read it.

Labour Members chuckled when Mr. Attlee replied that the time he could give to works of fiction was strictly limited.

Mr. Martin Lindsay asked if the Prime Minister thought it satisfactory that there should be 2,000 Communists employed as teachers.

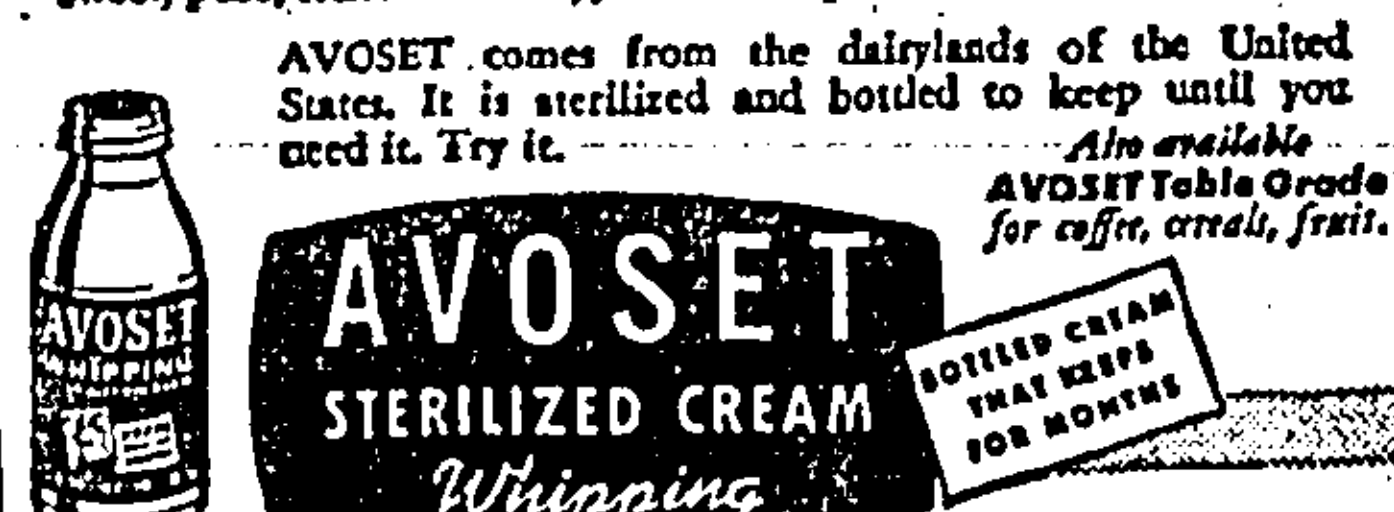
Mr. Attlee replied that members of the teaching profession had always laid great stress on the point that, whatever their views, they would not interfere with their teaching.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

12.00. "Hongkong Calling"—Programme Summary: 6. "Take It From Here"—with Roy Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards. (London Relay); 6.40. The Melancholy String; 6.45. Peter Valder. (London Relay); 7. "The Lucky Dip"—A Selection of this week's Variety Review Letters. (London Relay); 7.15. The Orchestra of the West—Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitzky. 8.45. "Generalissimo"—"It Wasn't Such Fun." A Talk by MacDonald Hastings. (London Relay); 9. "From the Editor's Desk"; 9.15. A Band Concert; 9.30. "The Cliff Road"—Mystery Play by the Kenneth Koch Society. 10.45. "Soft Lights and Sweet Music"; 11. Radio News Reel. (London Relay); 11.15. Weather Report, Forecast News and Home Record. (London Relay); 11.30. Close Down.

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SHOP AT THE DAIRY FARM

METEOR SETS A RECORD

London, Apr. 4.—A British Glomster Meteor single-seater jet fighter today set up a new minutes off the record outward flight from London last month by a four-engined Comet jet passenger airliner.—Reuter.

Piloted by an aerobatics pilot, J. Zurkowski, it had reached Copenhagen in under 67 minutes, clipping almost 12 minutes off the record outward flight from London last month by a four-engined Comet jet passenger airliner.—Reuter.

WEST SURREY CLUBS DEFY THE CLUB CRICKET CONFERENCE

Competitive cricket — which I have always supported — is anathema to the Club Cricket Conference, which runs the club game in the South of England. Now this body has been rapping over the knuckles Surrey clubs which have transgressed, but which remain unrepentant.

The competition is an annual one, played in West Surrey for a cup, and several clubs who regularly enter are members of the CCC.

So Mr Duncan Wright, competition secretary, has received a letter from the Conference which enjoins:

"This type of cricket is not approved by the Club Cricket Conference and it is a condition of membership that clubs do not take part in competitive cricket."

But this annual piece of fun is too well established to be upset by the CCC. All the leading clubs in the area now take part. Matches are held in the evenings, and each innings is limited to about 20 overs big hitting and quick scoring is a feature of the game.

The final last year, when Farmcombe beat Ripley, attracted over 2,000 spectators—a bigger crowd than the average daily attendance at the county cricket week at Guildford last year.

GO ON?—CERTAINLY

The competition is now organised by the Surrey Association of Cricket Clubs (Guildford Area), whose chairman, Rear Admiral S. H. Dunlop, told my reporter:

"Far from abandoning the competition, we have every intention of encouraging and enlarging it. In ordinary cricket the tendency is for the old players to keep the youngsters out. They won't give up their places."

"In this cup cricket you've got to be lively in the field and at the wicket and the youngsters get a chance in these games. The competition has lived on local cricket and generally done it to great credit."

So what will the CCC do now? Pass sentence of excommunication?

SLIPSHOD CRICKET

Tom Pearce, Essex captain and England selector, struck one serious note among many lighter ones at the "Wanderers" Cricket Club dinner (president, Hubert Cuth, secretary, George Parker, chief guest, Sir Walter Munkton).

Pearce, while not agreeing with league cricket, said it set an example in prompt time-keeping in club games.

How could a captain time a declaration fairly when he

League Soccer Programme Altered

The following alterations have been made to the league fixtures:

TODAY
St. Joseph's v. Club ground 5.30 p.m.—Postponed.

TOMORROW
Victoria v. Chinese, Boundary St. 5.45 p.m. Ref: A. E. P. Gurst.

Lionsmen v. A. Barretto and Liu Ting-kai.

FRIDAY
Navy v. Club, Navy CH 5 p.m. will now be played on Wednesday, April 12 at Navy ground CH at 5.45 p.m.

2nd Division
PCA v. Eastern, St. Joseph's ground 3.30 p.m.

St. Joseph's v. CAA, St. Joseph's ground 5 p.m.

These two matches will now be played on Monday, April 10 at the same ground and time.

SECOND DIVISION
Results of Second Division matches played yesterday were: Eastern 0, Solicitors 3; Navy 0, Club 2.

Kitechee received walk-over from University.

INTERPORT COMMITTEE
A meeting of the Interport Subcommittee will be held at the Association's office to-morrow at 5.15 p.m.

Agenda—1. Confirm Minutes of meeting No. 7; 2. Korean Team's visit—elect teams etc.; 3. Any other business.

KOREAN TEAM
Eleven members of the Korean soccer team will now arrive in Hongkong on April 11 or 12 aboard the S.S. Star Alcyone. The remainder will come by air.

The original dates for their matches will stand.

O'Sullivan Wins Feather Bout

London, Apr. 4.—The British Bantamweight Champion, Danny O'Sullivan, in his first featherweight contest tonight, outpointed Francis Bonnardel, the French Featherweight Champion, over eight rounds here.

Bonnardel, heavier by nearly four pounds, had a longer reach but could not match O'Sullivan in punching power.

O'Sullivan, a contender for the world bantamweight title, took many punches on his gloves and his feet left, to the body and head at close range invariably made the Frenchman back away.—Reuter.

VILLEMANN WINS

Philadelphia, Apr. 4.—Robert Villemann, the French middleweight boxer, defeated Jake Graham, a Negro of Philadelphia, on points in a 10-round bout last night.—Reuter.

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didn't know to within a quarter of an hour the duration of the tea interval?

ONE-PAD MAN

I liked, too, the story by H. M. Garland Wells, former Surrey captain, of the village cricketer who came in with one pad—on his right leg. The fieldsmen, assuming left-handedness, disposed themselves accordingly.

Not a bit of it. The batsman took guard with his padded leg away from the bowling, and re-

Colony Chess Championship Starts Soon?

The Committee of the Kowloon Chess Club, meeting yesterday evening, decided it was in favour of the Colony Open Chess Championship being started immediately after the closing of the present Club Championship in its concluding stages.

Mr. Serge Giritsky was appointed a representative of the Club on the Open Championship Committee, which operates in conjunction with the Victoria Chess Club.

The meeting discussed Colony Championship problems and decided that the best system to discourage the entry of players not up to standard—whom, however, it was not in favour of excluding—was by charging a deposit that would be forfeit if the entry concerned did not score a minimum number of points.

However, decisions can only be taken by the Open Championship Committee, which will probably meet in the very near future.

NOTHING'S CERTAIN

Eugene Tausz, considered almost certain to take third place in the Kowloon Chess Club Championship behind R. W. Dorosold and H. Klinghardt, confounded all critics yesterday evening by losing to A. Archangel'sky.

Everything happened so suddenly, that no one is quite sure exactly what did happen. Archangel'sky had too busy an evening to be interviewed, also playing Klinghardt and losing to him.

It was an evening for the lesser favoured players to shine. M. Feldman drawing against Johnny Carvalho. Three were no other games played.

Promotion & Relegation Issues May Be Decided This Coming Week-end

London, Apr. 4.—The air of uncertainty shrouding promotion and relegation struggles in the English Soccer League might almost be cleared as a result of the Easter programme this week-end.

All but a few clubs have the gruelling task of playing three matches in four days, involving long, tedious train or coach journeys for most of them.

Most open of the issues at stake is the First Division Championship. Only three points separate the leading clubs with Manchester United holding a precarious one-point lead from Liverpool.

Blackpool and Sunderland are a further point away while Portsmouth and Wolverhampton Wanderers are only three points behind the pace setters. Blackpool and Portsmouth, the Champions last year, are fortunate to play all of their respective Easter games at home.

POMPEY'S CHANCE

Both could overtake the fast-moving Portsmouth side, with home and away matches against Fulham, who are without a win in their last six games, and a home clash on Saturday with the lowly West Bromwich Albion.

Blackpool are home and away to the beaten Cup semi-finalists.

On Saturday they have another difficult away match with Newcastle, who have not beaten in their last five home matches.

In striking contrast to their town neighbours, luckless Manchester City are floundering at the bottom of the table and appear doomed to relegation.—Reuter.

celved two cracks on the other one straight away.

The wicket-keeper suggested changing the pad over.

"No, it doesn't matter," said the batsman. "I'll be down the other end in a minute."

—London Express Service.

Ceylonese Hit 236 Against Montgomery

Montgomery, Punjab, Apr. 4.—Scoring at the rate of a run a minute, the Ceylon cricket team hit up 236 runs when they began a two-day match against the Montgomery District Sports Association today.

At the close, the home side had replied with 77 runs for two wickets. Winning the toss and batting first on a matting wicket in bright sunny weather, Ceylon lost three wickets for 67 runs, but Ceylon won the match and his skipper, Jayawickreme, retrieved the position with a bright fourth wicket stand of 66.

Makin Salih put up the highest individual score of the tour with a knock of 77, including 13 fours. Jayawickreme hit eight fours in his 64. Once the stand had been broken three quick wickets fell without an addition to the total of 100 and the whole side were out half an hour before tea.

The teams are:

Ceylon:—Jayawickreme, Navaratne, Rodrigo, Makin Salih, Dalpathado, Kelaart, Burdon, Jayasinghe, de Zoysa, Fernando, Dharmalingam. The 12th man is Gonesere.

Montgomery:—Asi, A.A. Qureshi, Safdar Hamid, Israr Ali, Mohammed Qureshi, Khalid Abdullah, Gha Bashla Ahmed, Tariq Ismail, Mursawat Hussain, Mir Masud, Abdul Rahman. The 12th man is Abdulahad Khan.—Reuter.

Shanghai Team Beats Hongkong

The Hongkong Combined basketball team was beaten by the Shanghai Warriors last night at Kowloon Chinese YMCA 57-42.

The visitors have so far won all their five games here.

Scorers were: Warriors—Wu Cheng-chang 13, Lu Ting-ho 6, Tien Foo-hai 5, Shina Sun-yao 6, Wong Yung-fong 10, Chao Tse-chi 11, K.C. Combined—Chan Suk-luk 12, Ko Tai-chuen 6, Lam Kai-leung 3, Yip Lai-ho 5, Liu Shing-moon 2.

The Arellano University team will meet South China A.A. at Caroline Hill at 8 p.m. to-day.

NO MORE OF THIS KIMONO BUSINESS



Democratic ways, they say, are creeping into Japan, to such an extent that there is soon to open a Women's Professional Baseball League. Here two candidates for battery positions warm up at the first tryouts.

English Amateur Boxing Prefers The Old Upstanding Stance

BY JOHN ARLOTT

In England, the amateur boxing movement remains strong in face of the considerable discouragement of losing so many of its brightest stars to professionalism. Indeed it is a very different sport in many ways. English amateur rules insist that the boxers wear vests to cover completely the chest and back and shorts coming to within two inches above the knee; also that they wear a sash of their club or national colours. And, on the side of technique, they tend to stick very closely to the old upstanding stance and the straight left, rather than to the probably more effective crouch-and-weave manner of many professionals.

We may look into the future for a youngster just starting to box, along the road which has been followed by so many youths before him and, thus, see not what England does for her young boxers but what she does for her youth through boxing. It is important to realise that boxing is not included in any English school list of sports with the aim of producing boxing champions.

It is taught at many under proper supervision in order that the pupils may go out into the world with a mental outlook which is not cowed by a show of violence but, at the same time, not inclined to introduce physical violence or the threat of it into their daily affairs. Certainly the competitive element is introduced into youth boxing but this is because such an element

STRICTLY AMATEUR

At school the boy will go to the gymnasium and box at least once a week. If he becomes very keen he will be allowed to box more often but not too much, in order to take part in competitive boxing for his school. Outside school he will have further opportunity, wherever he goes, to box. This, however, provided that he loses all amateur status if he so much as trains in one of the professional boxing gymnasiums. Annual tournaments are held by many youth organisations in Britain, all of which provide training and instructional facilities. The Amateur Boxing Association runs its "Youth's Championship" in two age classes—Class "A"—14 to 15½ years—and Class "B"—15½ to 17—with weight classes at every seven pounds from six stone seven pounds to 11 stone. There is a Schoolboy Championship with four classes—Junior, Intermediate, Senior A and Senior B and with weight classes every eight pounds.

The Young Organisations including Boys' Clubs, Young Men's Christian Association and Service Cadets, have a general championship and so have the pre-service volunteer organisations—the Sea Cadet Corps, Army Cadet Force and Air Training Corps. Then there are the National Association of Boys' Clubs and the London Federation of Boys' Clubs.

CAREFUL GRADING

All have strict age and weight classes to make certain that there is no unfair matching and the number and duration of rounds carefully graded in proportion to the ages of the competitors. Obviously, any boy may be eligible for two or even three of these championships; he has every chance of much competitive boxing under strict matching; and thus the schoolboy may have an amateur boxing career or merely instruction in self-defence, as he chooses and on any reasonable scale he chooses.

If he later decides to make boxing his career, then the Amateur Boxing Association will regret his loss, for it can ill spare the good boxer capable of helping the learners, but it will go on supporting the training of youth in boxing as enthusiastically as ever.

HE WILL GIVE YOU ODDS AT THE HALF-WAY POST

By J. W. TAYLOR

It is when races such as the Grand National are in actual progress that fellows like broad-shouldered, fair-haired Fred Elms, of Birmingham, doyen of Midlands bookmakers, come into their own. They make almost as much money betting against the chances of horses during the running as they do in laying the odds to punters trying to find the winner before the "off".

"Betting in the running" it is called, and Fred is foremost among the layers at this game and one of the crack race-readers in Tatts. Here a battle of wits rages between certain layers and the professional punters, each side gambling recklessly on their ability to "read" a race. Layers who indulge in it make separate books. One is used for ordinary bets before the "off", the other is for wagers struck whilst the race is in progress.

MATTER OF PRIDE
Fred prides himself on his judgment in telling when a horse in running is tiring or merely going easily enough "on the bit" ultimately to win the race when roused by the jockey at the right moment. He knows when a runner has "a stone in hand" or is "on the floor" with no chance. There is, too, a similar pride shown by the professional punters. The party proved to be wrong is never put out, however, least of all Fred.

When the ring echoes to Fred's offer of four-to-one about the chances in running of the six-to-four favourite before it has turned into the home stretch, he is not far from being right to begin to take a dim view of its prospects.

Should he be caught "for a packet" at four by the pros, it is quite likely that Fred has well covered himself on bets about the prospects of other runners. Fred is more modestly to the punter who thinks a horse well in the lead.

SOVIET RECORDS RECOGNISED

London, Apr. 4.—The International Amateur Athletic Federation has announced the recognition, as world records, of performances by two Russian athletes in the men's 30,000 metres and the women's shot put.

The records are: One hr. 39 mins. 14.6 secs. for the 30,000 metres, set up by F.K. Vainin at Tallin, Russia, on November 1 last year, beating the previous record of 1 hr 40 mins. 46.4 secs. by H. Iilefanten of Finland.

14.66 metres (48 ft. 9 ins.) for the shot put by K.A. Tochennova at Tallin on October 30 last year, beating the previous record of 14.59 metres (47 ft. 10½ ins.) by T.N. Sevrukhova of Russia.—Reuter.

KBCC BOWLS

All members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club are reminded that the match between the President's Team and Mr Atkins' Team will take place next Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

After the match there will be a presentation to Mr Atkins, outgoing President, who is sailing for Home shortly.

Members intending to participate are asked to sign the list on the Club Notice Board as soon as possible, to facilitate arrangements for the occasion.

CAMERA TRAINING



Brooklyn Dodgers' pitcher Rex Barney perfects his photogenic technique during a spring training session at Vero Beach, Florida. What with news and television cameramen all over the playing field during games, the players get in some camera-angle practice before the season begins. The only thing striking about the ball Barney just threw is the camera range.

GREEK THEATRE STYLE REVIVED



"Uninvited Battalion" In East Indonesia

POLITICAL FEELING RUNS HIGH

Macassar, Apr. 4.—The East Indonesian authorities will take strong measures to prevent disturbances here tomorrow when an "uninvited" battalion of Indonesian Federal troops lands here from the Federal capital, Djakarta.

Political feeling here was running high today, with the East Indonesians continuing to resist renewed efforts to incorporate the State in the original Djakarta Republic.

LIGHTWEIGHT METAL FOR JET PLANES

Washington, Apr. 4.—The United States Navy has developed a new lightweight metal which will enable jet planes to climb faster, fly further and be handled easier.

The new metal, developed by the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics, is a lightweight titanium alloy, as strong as high-strength steel but half as heavy, the Defence Department said.

It is already being used in parts of new jet planes where strength at high temperatures is of major importance.

These include turbine blades, tail-pipe shrouds, engine firewalls and in the engine itself.

The Defence Department said use of the new metal would make possible improvement of several flight characteristics, including rate of climb, range, payload and manoeuvrability.

Titanium ores are available in large quantities in both the United States and Canada—Reuter.

NOT A SECRET WEAPON

West Florida, Apr. 4.—The President's Press Secretary, Mr. Charles G. Ross, said that neither President Truman nor members of his staff knew of the existence of "flying saucers" either as secret weapons of America or any other country.

Mr. Ross said that the Air Force started a special project in 1947 to investigate all rumors and reports of "flying saucers."

This project was carried on until last August when it was determined that there was "nothing to substantiate reports of such objects," he said.

The Air Force was firmly convinced that the rumours were baseless—Reuter.

Cocktail Party In Peking

San Francisco, Apr. 4.—Peking Radio reported tonight that the Hungarian Minister to Communist China, M. Emanuel Saffran, today gave a cocktail party in the Chinese capital to celebrate the national holiday of the Hungarian People's Republic.

The 400 guests included Mr. Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Central People's Republic of China—Reuter.



"The last show begins at 9:30, so we have an hour and a half to go. Let's go to bed. We'll never make it."

Winston Churchill's daughter, Sarah, and Gerald Savory play a scene from "The Philadelphia Story" in the new Penthouse Theatre in Atlanta, Georgia, where, as in ancient Greece, the audience sits around the actors. (AP Picture).

France Reorganises Defence Command

Paris, Apr. 4.—France today reorganised the command of her armed forces, destined to play a key role in Atlantic Pact defence plans for Western Europe.

A decree published in the official bulletin set up two separate organisations for the co-ordination of national defence and direction of the armed forces.

1. A permanent General Secretariat charged with the co-ordination of all national defence activities.

2. A Chief of Staff Committee composed of the Chiefs of Staff of the Army, Air Force and Navy, charged with the actual direction of the armed forces.

COMPOSITION

Both come under the Minister of National Defence under powers given him by the Premier. The General Secretariat will be composed of both officers and civil servants. Its head will be a general officer and his deputy a high civil servant.

Duties of the General Secretariat include mobilisation preparations, financial problems, war economy, psychological action and scientific research.

The Chiefs of Staff committee will be headed either by one of their number or by an officer appointed by the Cabinet. It will have a staff drawn from the three Services to co-ordinate inter-Service mobilisation, education, transport, communications and armament programmes—United Press.

Nationalist Air Activity

Taipei, Apr. 4.—An Air Force communiqué reported sweeps over the Foochow airport and on junk concentrations off Kwangchowwan and the Luechow Peninsula, but made no mention of any opposition.

The communiqué said over 100 junks were found at Kwangchowwan, many of which were destroyed. It said Nationalist aircraft dropped leaflets over Changting.

It said Hainan-based planes found an unestimated number of Communist junks northeast of Hainan, which the Communists who managed to get ashore on Sunday had hidden in groves.

Lungwen and Yachien, less than one mile southwest of Tolsunli. Nowhere in the communiqué was mentioned made of opposition—United Press.

INTELLIGENCE TEST: SOLUTION

There is, of course, a logical fallacy in the question: "Is it preferable to the celebrated 'poet' to have you left of beating your wife?"

As the map stands, I cannot use any of the four colours A, B, C or D for E: a fifth colour is clearly needed.

But this does not invalidate my proposition that not more than four colours are necessary. For states A and C are not contiguous and can be the same colour; one of four colours then becomes available for E—London Express Service.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

1. Sugar Loaf Mountain. 2. Saint Ignace de Loyola. 3. Louis XVI. 4. A deciduous tree, unlike an evergreen, sheds its leaves at certain seasons. 5. Because it destroys all kinds of vermin, especially snakes. 6. Leaf-Spinner.

CAMBODIA FACES SERIOUS CRISIS

NATIONALIST GROUP TO JOIN VIETMINH CAUSE

Saigon, Apr. 4.—The newly created independent kingdom of Cambodia, in southwestern Indo-China, is facing a political and military crisis closely linked with Vietminh insurgent activity in neighbouring Vietnam, according to reports received here today.

Intense unrest has broken out in the southwestern parts of Cambodia, where leaders of the nationalist Khmers Issarak recently held a secret conference and decided to fight for Cambodia's full independence from France.

The Vietminh insurgent radio has called for Nationalist resistance forces in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam have decided to organise a joint military offensive against the French and pro-French forces in all three states.

France gave Cambodia independence within the French Union over three months ago, but there is still disagreement on the interpretation of the treaty of independence, and the transfer of power has not yet been completed.

The French authorities here said today that only one aspect of the treaty—the administration of justice—remained to be settled—Reuter.

ILL-CONCEIVED

New York, Apr. 4.—United States support of Bao Dai in Indo-China is "another ill-conceived adventure doomed to end in another self-inflicted defeat," according to an observer on Far Eastern affairs.

Mr. Harold R. Isaacs declared that U.S. support of French-backed Bao Dai is the "result of simple anti-Communist panic."

Mr. Isaacs is at present special correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor.

Writing in his fortnightly magazine, Reporter, he suggested: "To escape this trap the

United States has to firmly stop looking at Vietnam through French eyes and see it through Asian eyes; secondly, avoid further hopeless embroilment by withholding arms shipments to the French; thirdly, avoid pressure on other South Asian nations to accept Bao Dai; and fourthly, to explore other channels of escape, possibly by joining other South Asian nations in a more effective attempt to devise a common policy."

NO POPULAR SUPPORT

Mr. Isaacs declared the "Bao Dai government can by no stretch of any imagination be described as independent" and said that France still exercises control over its external affairs.

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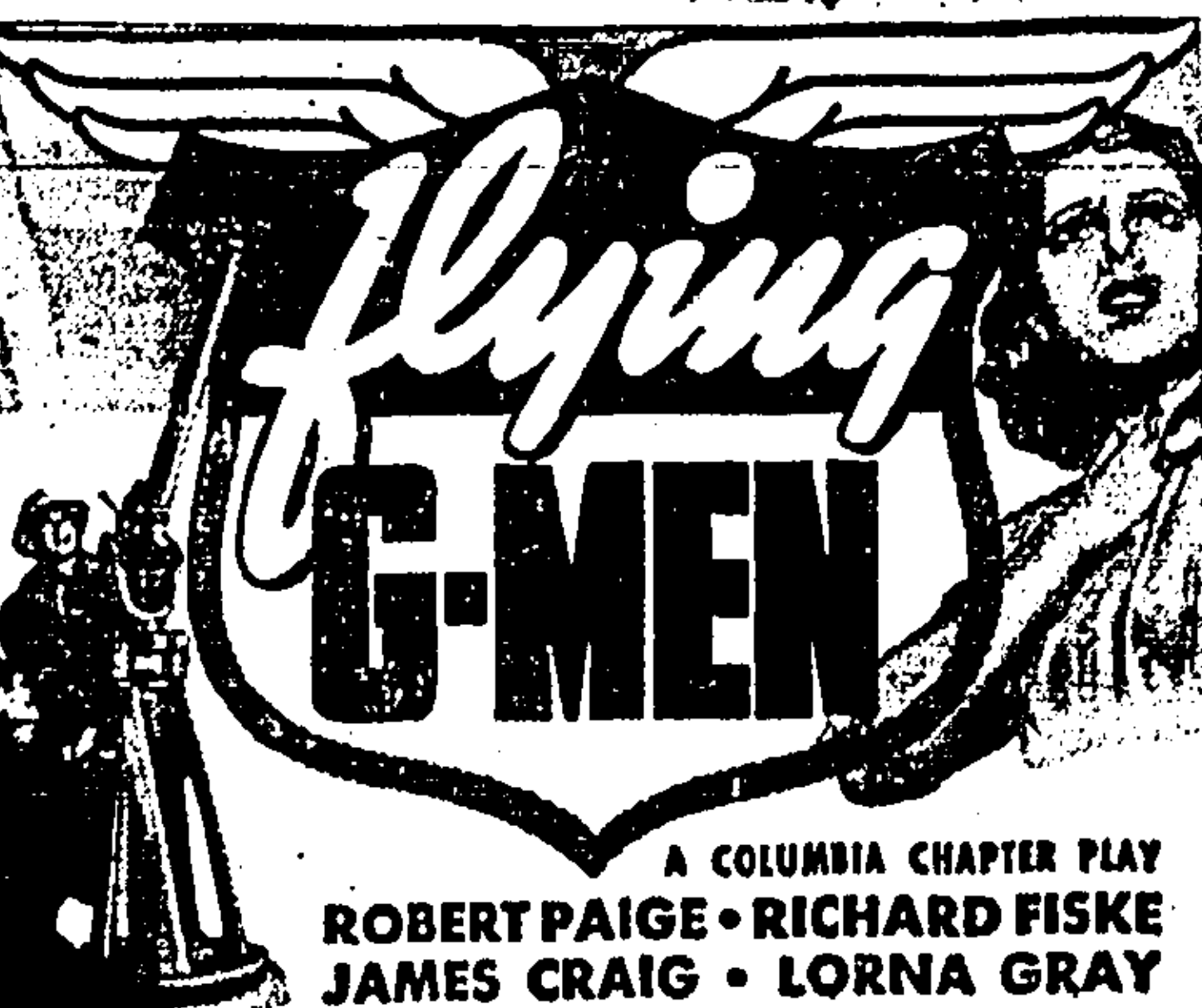
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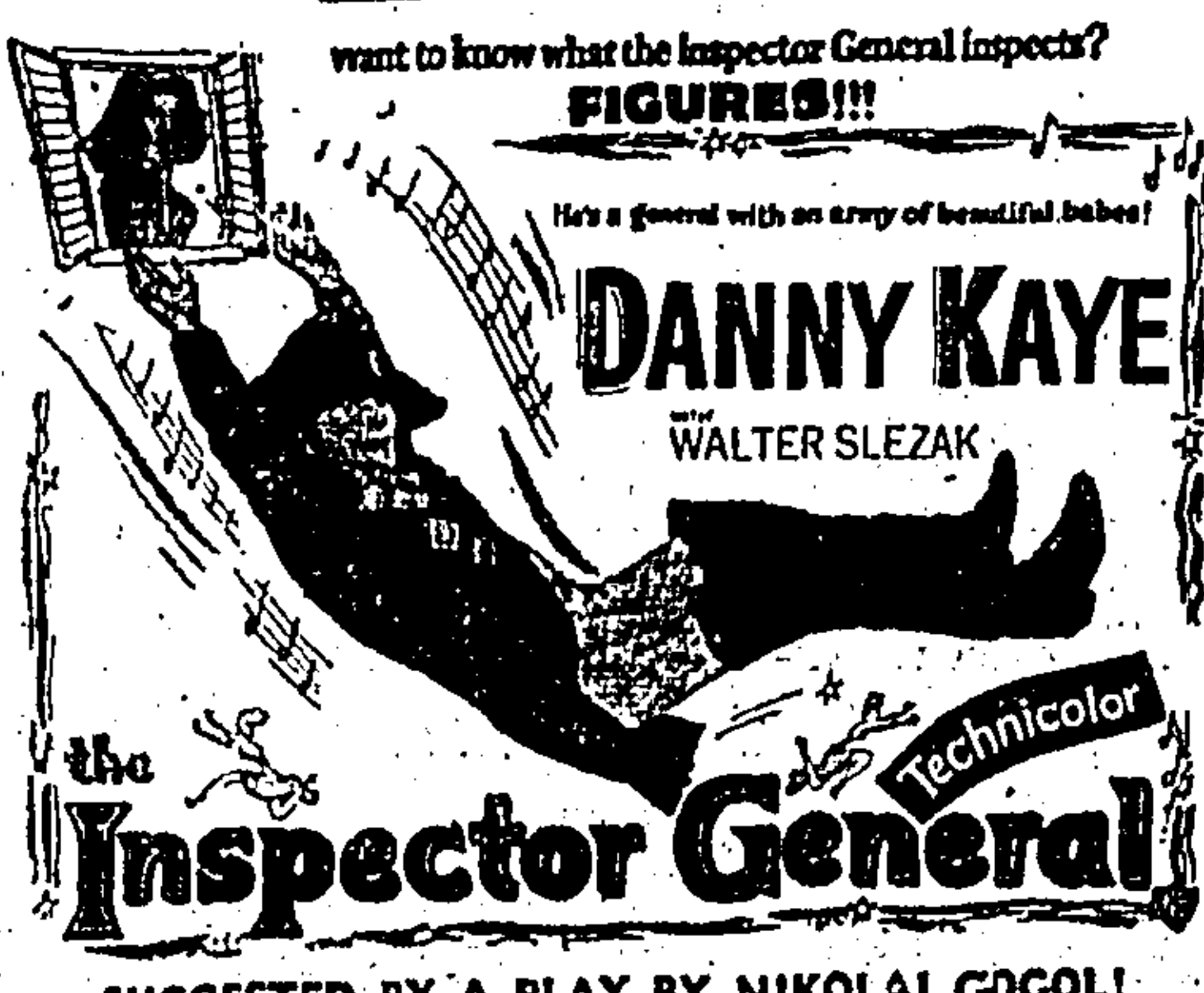
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